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IACOBI, REGIS ANGLIÆ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ, viz. Angliæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, xxj. & Scotiæ lvij.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the 19. day of February, in the 21. yeere of the Reigne of our most gracious *Soueraigne Lord*, IAMES *by the grace of* God, of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and of Scotland the 57.

And there continued vntill the 29. day of May following, and then Prorogued vntill the 2. day of Nouember, 1624.

To the high pleasure of Almighty God, *and to the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.*

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ANNO XXI.
IACOBI REGIS.

¶ An Acte for the reuiuing, and making perpetuall of one Acte, made in the nine and thirtieth yeere of the *Reigne of the late Queene* ELIZABETH, Intituled, An Act for erecting of Hospitals, and abiding and working Houses for the Poore.

CHAP. I.

WHereas in the Parliament, held in the nine and thirtieth yeare of the Reigne of the late Queene ELIZABETH of happy memory, a good Law was made, Intituled, An Act for erecting of Hospitals, or abiding and working houses for the poore: and the Power, Licence and Authority giuen by the sayd Statute, to erect, found, and establish such houses and abiding places, as are therein mentioned, was continued to the space of twenty yeeres then next ensuing, which said time is now expired;

Be it therefore enacted by the Authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That the ſaid Acte, and all thinges therein contained, ſhall from henceforth be reuiued and made perpetuall to haue continuance for euer.

And be it alſo enacted, That all Hoſpitals, Meaſons de Dieu, and abiding places for poore, Lame, Maimed and Impotent people, or for Houſes of correction, at any time ſince the ſaid twentie yeeres expired, erected, founded or made, or at any time hereafter to be erected, founded or made, according to the purport of the ſaid Statute, ſhall be incorporated, and haue perpetuall ſucceſſion and capacitie, to haue, take, and enioy all other Priuiledges, Benefits, and Immunities, to all intents and purpoſes, according to the Prouiſions, tenor, purport and true meaning of the ſaid Acte, as if the ſame had been made, founded, or endowed within the ſpace of twenty yeeres next enſuing the ſaid Statute.

¶ An Acte for the generall quiet of the Subiect, againſt all pretences of Concealements *whatſoeuer.*

CHAP. II.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Maiеſty, of his bleſſed and Gracious Diſpoſition, and abundant grace, deſiring that His louing Subiects, and their Heires and Succeſſors, may quietly haue and holde all and ſingular Mannours, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which they, their Anceſtors, or Predeceſſours, or any other by, from, or vnder whom they claime, haue of long time enioyed, is graciouſly pleaſed, that it be enacted, And be it enacted by the

the Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, by, and with the aſſent and conſent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by authoritie of the ſame, That the Kings Maieſtie, his Heires, or Succeſſors, ſhall not at any time hereafter, ſue, impeach, queſtion, or implead any perſon or perſons, bodies politique or corporate, for, or in any wiſe concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, or Hereditaments, other then Liberties and Franchiſes, or for, or in any wiſe concerning the Reuenues, Iſſues, or profits thereof, or make any Title, Claime, Challenge or Demand, of, in, or to the ſame, or any of them, by reaſon of any Right or Title accrued, and growen threeſcore yeeres paſt and more, and now in Eſſe, vnleſſe his Maieſtie, or ſome of his Progenitors, Predeceſſors, or Anceſtors, or ſome other perſon or perſons, bodies politique, or corporate, vnder whom his Maieſtie any thing hath, or lawfully claymeth, haue bene anſwered, by force and vertue of any ſuch Right or Title to the ſame, the Rents, Reuenues, Iſſues, or profits thereof, within threeſcore yeeres next before the beginning of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, Or that the ſame haue beene duely in Charge to his Maieſtie, or the late Queene Elizabeth, or haue ſtood in Super of Record within the ſaid ſpace of threeſcore yeeres, And that euery perſon and perſons, bodies politique, and corporate, their Heires and Succeſſors, and all claiming by, from, or vnder them, or any of them, for, and according to their, and euery of their ſeuerall Eſtates and Intereſts, which they haue, or claime to haue in the ſame reſpectiuely, ſhall hereafter quietly, and freely haue, holde, and enioy againſt his Maieſtie, his Heires and Succeſſors, clayming by any title accrued, or growen threeſcore yeeres paſt, or aboue, and now in Eſſe, all and ſinguler Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes, and Hereditaments whatſoeuer, except Liberties and Franchiſes, which hee or they, or his or their, or any of their Anceſtors or Predeceſſors, or thoſe from, by, or vnder whom they claime, haue held, or enioyed, or taken the rents, reuenues, iſſues or profits thereof, by the ſpace of threeſcore yeeres next before the beginning of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, vnleſſe his Maieſtie, or ſome of his Progenitors, Predeceſſors, or Anceſtors, or ſome other perſon or perſons, bodies politique or corporate, by, from, or vnder whom his Maieſtie any thing hath, or lawfully claymeth, in the ſaid Manors,

nors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes, or Hereditaments, by force of any right or title, haue beene answered by vertue of any such right or title, the rents, reuenues, issues, or other profits thereof within threescore yeres next before the beginning of this present Session of Parliament, Or that the same haue beene duely in Charge, or stood in Super of Record, as aforesayd, within the sayd space of threescore yeeres: And furthermore, that euery person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their Heires and Successors, and all claiming by, from, or vnder them, or any of them, for, and according to their, and euery of their seuerall estates and interests, which they haue or claime respectiuely, shall quietly and freely haue, hold, and enioy all such Mannours, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes, and Hereditaments, except Liberties and Franchises, as they now haue, claime, or enioy, (whereof his Maiestie, his Progenitors, Predecessors, or Ancestors, or he, or they, by, from, or vnder whom his Maiesty any thing hath, or lawfully claimeth, or some of them, by force of some right or title to the same, haue not beene answered by vertue of such right or title, the rents, reuenues, issues, or profits thereof, within threescore yeeres next before the beginning of this present Session of Parliament) Nor the same haue bene duely in Charge, or stood in Super of Record, as aforesaid, within the said space of threescore yeeres, against all, & euery person and persons, their heires & assignes, hauing, claiming, or pretending to haue any estate, right, title, interest, claime, or demand whatsoeuer, of, in, or to the same, by force or colour of any Letters Patents, or Grants, vpon suggestion of Concealement, or wrongfull detaining, or not being in Charge, or defectiue Titles, or by, from, or vnder any Patentees, or Grantees, or any Letters Patents, or Grants, vpon suggestion of Concealement, or wrongfull detaining, or not being in charge, or defectiue Titles, of, or for which said Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes, and Hereditaments, or any of them, no Verdict, Iudgement, Decree, Iudiciall order vpon hearing, or Sentence now standing in force, hath beene had or giuen, in any Action, Bill, plaint, or Information, in any of his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, for, or in the name of the Kings Maiestie, or of the late Queene Elizabeth, or for any of the sayd Patentees or Grantees, or for their, or any of their heires or assignes, within threescore yeeres next before the beginning of this present Session of Parliament.

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Prouided alwayes, That this Acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to barre, impeach, or hinder his Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, of, for, or from any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, or Hereditaments, whereof any reuersion or remainder now is in his Maiestie, for, or concerning the sayd Reuersion, or Remainder: Nor of, for, or from any Reuersion or Remainder, or possibilitie of Reuersion or Remainder, in any of his Maiesties Progenitors, or Predecessors, or Ancestors, which by the expiration, end, or other determination of any limited estate of Fee simple, or of any Fee taile, or other particular estate, hath, or ought to haue fallen, or become in possession within the space of threescore yeeres next before the beginning of this present Session of Parliament: Nor of, for, or from any right or title, first accrued or growen to his Maiestie, or any of his Progenitors, Predecessors, or Ancestors, of, in, or to any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, or Hereditaments, within the space of threescore yeeres, next before the beginning of this present Session of Parliament, and not before.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, That this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes, or Hereditaments, mentioned to bee graunted or conueyed by any of his Maiesties Progenitors, Predecessors, or Ancestors, or by any other, vnder whom his Maiestie claymeth, to any person or persons of any limited estate in Fee simple, or of any estate in Tayle, or other particular estate, which seuerall estates (if the same had beene good and effectuall in Law) haue, or ought to haue fallen, or become in possession within threescore yeeres, next before the beginning of this present Session of Parliament, nor to any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes, or Hereditaments, mentioned to bee granted, or conueyed by any of his Maiesties Progenitors, Predecessors, or Ancestors, or by any other, vnder whom his Maiestie claymeth, to any person or persons, in Fee tayle, or other particular estate, whereof the reuersion or inheritance (if such estate tayle, or other particular estate had beene good and effectuall in Law) should haue beene and continued in his Maiestie, the first day of this present Session of Parliament.

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nors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall bee holden of his Maiestie, his Heires and Successors, and of other person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their Heires and Successors respectively, by the same Tenures, Seruices, Fee-farmes, chiefe Rents, Herriots and other duties, to all intents and purposes, as the same should, or ought of right to haue beene holden, if the Estates, Rights, and Interests, established and made sure by this present Acte, had beene before the making of this Act, firme, good, and effectuall in Law, sauing to euery person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their Heires and Successors (other then his most Excellent Maiestie, his Heires and Successors, and other then all Patentees, or Grantees of concealements, or defective Titles, and all and euery person or persons, clayming from, by, or vnder them, or any of them, for, in respect, or by reason of any such Patents, or Grants of concealements, or defective Titles) all such Rights, Title, Interest, Estate, Rents, Commons, Customes, Duetie, Profits, and other claimes and demaunds whatsoeuer, in, to, or out of the sayd Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Tythes, or Hereditaments, as they, or any of them had, or ought to haue had before the making of this Acte, any thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to debarre his Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, of, or from such clayme or demand, as his Maiestie hath made, or may rightfully make, vnto a certaine duetie or custome of two pence, vpon a chaldron of Sea-coale, to be payd in the Port of the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, with the members thereof, but that the same shall be, and remaine in such sort and degree, as if this Acte had neuer beene had or made.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted, that where any Fee-Farme, Rent, or other Rent or Rents, haue beene answered and payd to the Kings Maiestie, or to any his Predecessors, by the more part of threescore yeeres last past, out of any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments; of which Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments the Estates, Rights or Interests, being defective, are established, and made sure by this present Act; That the Kings Maiestie, his Heires and Successors, shall from henceforth, for euer haue, hold and enioy the sayd Rents, and Arrerages

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thereof, in such manner and forme, and as fully and amply as the same were enioyed, by the more part of threescore yeeres last past, before the beginning of this Session of Parliament.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that no putting in charge, nor standing in Super, nor taking or answering the Farme Rents, Reuenues or Profits of any the sayd Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by force, colour or pretext of any Letters Patents, or Grants of Concealements, or defective Titles, or of Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, out of charge, or by force, colour or pretext of any Inquisitions, Presentments, by, or by reason of any Commission, or other authoritie to finde out Concealements, defective Titles, or Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, out of charge, shall be deemed, construed, or taken to bee a putting in charge, standing in Super, or taking, or answering the Farme Rents, Reuenues, or Profits, by, or to his Maiestie, or any of his Progenitors or Predecessors, vnlesse thereupon such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, haue beene, vpon any Information or Suite, on the behalfe of his Maiestie, or of any his Progenitors or Predecessors, vpon a lawfull Verdict giuen, or Demurrer in Law adiudged, or vpon a Hearing ordered, or decreed for his Maiestie, or any of his Progenitors, or Predecessors, or of any of them within the said space of threescore yeeres.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted, That this Acte or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or bee preiudiciall to his Maiestie, for, or concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, for which any Composition is, or before the end of this Session of Parliament, shall bee made with his Maiesties Commissioners for defective Titles, and the moneys by such Compositions payable to his Maiestie, not payd before the end of this Session of Parliament, vnlesse the sayd moneyes shall be payd, and his Maiesties Letters Patents procured, according to the true intent of such Compositions, within three moneths after the end of this Session of Parliament.

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An Acte concerning Monopolies and Diſpenſations, with penall Lawes, and the forfeitures thereof.

CHAP. III.



Oraſmuch as your moſt Excellent Maieſtie, in your royall indgement, and of your bleſſed diſpoſition to the weale and quiet of your Subiects, did in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand fiue hundred and ten, publiſh in Print to the whole Realme, and to all poſteritie, That all Graunts of Monopolies, and of the benefite of any penall Lawes, or of power to diſpence with the Law, or to compound for the forfeiture, are contrary to your Maieſties Lawes; which your Maieſties Declaration is truely conſonant, and agreeable to the ancient and fundamentall Lawes of this your Realme: And whereas your Maieſtie was further graciouſly pleaſed, expreſſly to commaund, that no Suter ſhould preſume to mooue your Maieſtie for matters of that nature; yet neuertheleſſe, vpon miſinformations, and vntrue pretences of publicke good, many ſuch Graunts haue beene vnduely obtained, and vnlawfully put in execution, to the great grieuance and inconuenience of your Maieſties ſubiects, contrary to the Lawes of this your Realme, and contrary to your Maieſties royall and bleſſed intention ſo publiſhed, as aforeſaid: for auoyding whereof, and preuenting of the like in time to come, May it pleaſe your moſt excellent Maieſtie, at the humble ſuite of the Lords Spirituall, and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſem-

assembled, That it may bee declared and enacted, and bee it declared and enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, That all Monopolies, and all Commissions, Grants, Licences, Charters, and Letters Patents, heretofore made or granted, or hereafter to bee made or granted to any person or persons, Bodies politique or corporate whatsoeuer, of, or for the sole buying, selling, making, working, or vsing of any thing within this Realme, or the dominion of Wales, or of any other Monopolies, or of power, liberty, or facultie, to dispence with any others, or to giue licence or toleration, to doe, vse, or exercise any thing against the tenour or purport of any Law or Statute, or to giue or make any warrant for any such dispensation, licence, or toleration to be had or made, or to agree, or compound with any others for any penaltie or forfeitures limited by any Statute, or of any Grant or promise of the benefite, profit, or commodity of any forfeiture, penaltie, or summe of money, that is, or shall be due by any Statute, before Judgement thereupon had, and all Proclamations, Inhibitions, Restraints, Warrants of assistance, and all other matters & things whatsoeuer, any way tending to the instituting, erecting, strēgthening, furthering, or countenancing of the same, or any of them, are altogether contrary to the Lawes of this Realme, and so are, and shall be vtterly voyde and of none effect, and in no wise to bee put in vre or execution.

And bee it further declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, That all Monopolies, and all such Commissions, Grants, Licences, Charters, Letters Patents, Proclamations, Inhibitions, Restraints, Warrants of assistance, and all other matters and things tending, as aforesayd, and the force and validity of them, and of euery of them, ought to be, and shall be for euer hereafter examined, heard, tryed, and determined, by, and according to the Common Lawes of this Realme, and not otherwise.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That all person and persons, Bodies politique and corporate whatsoeuer, which now are, or hereafter shall be, shall stand, and be disabled, and vncapable to haue, vse, exercise, or put in vre, any Monopolie, or any such Commission, Graunt, Licence, Charter, Letters Patents, Proclamation, Inhibition, Restraint, Warrant of assistance, or other matter or thing, tending, as aforesayd, or any libertie, power, or facultie,

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grounded, or pretended to bee grounded vpon them, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That if any person or persons, at any time, after the end of xl. dayes next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, shal be hindred, grieued, disturbed or disquieted, or his or their goods or chattels any way seized, attached, distrained, taken, caried away, or deteined by occasion, or pretext of any Monopoly, or of any such Commission, grant, licence, power, liberty, faculty, Letters patents, proclamation, inhibition, restraint, warrant of assistance, or other matter or thing tending as aforesaid, and will sue to bee relieued in, or for any of the Premisses, That then, and in euery such case, the same person and persons, shall, and may haue his and their remedie for the same at the Common Law, by any Action or Actions to bee grounded vpon this Statute; The same Action and Actions to bee heard and determined in the Courts of Kings Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, or in any of them, against him or them, by whom hee or they shall bee so hindered, grieued, disturbed or disquieted, or against him or them by whom his or their Goods or Chattels shall bee so seized, attached, distrained, taken, caried away or detained, wherein all and euery such person and persons which shall bee so hindered, grieued, disturbed or disquieted, or whose Goods or Chattels shall bee so seized, attached, distrained, taken, carried away or detained, shall recouer three times so much as the dammages which hee or they sustained, by meanes or occasion of being so hindered, grieued, disturbed or disquieted, or by meanes of hauing his or their Goods or Chattels seized, attached, distrained, taken, carryed away or detained, and double Costs; and in such Suits, or for the staying or delaying thereof, no Essoyne, Protection, Wager of Law, Ayde-Prayer, Priuiledge, Iniunction, or Order of restraint, shall be in any wise prayed, granted, admitted, or allowed, nor any more then one imperlance. And if any person or persons shall, after notice giuen, that the Action depending is grounded vpon this Statute, cause or procure any Action at the Common Law, grounded vpon this Statute, to bestayed or delayed before Iudgement, by colour or meanes of any Order, Warrant, power or authority, saue onely of the Court wherein such Action, as aforesaid, shall be brought and depending, or after Iudgement had vpon such Action shall cause or procure the execution, of or vpon any

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ſuch iudgement, to be ſtayed or delayed by colour, or meanes of any Order, Warrant, Power, or Authoritie, ſaue onely by Writ of error or attaint: That then the ſaid perſon and perſons ſo offending, ſhall incurre and ſuſtaine the paines, penalties, and forfeitures, ordained and prouided by the Statute of prouiſion and Præmunire, made in the ſixteenth yeere of the Reigne of King Richard the ſecond.

Prouided neuertheles, and be it declared and enacted, That any Declaration before mentioned, ſhall not extend to any Letters Patents, and Grants of Priuiledge for the terme of one and twentie yeeres, or vnder, heretofore made of the ſole working or making of any manner of new Manufacture within this Realme, to the firſt and true inuentor or inuentors of ſuch Manufactures, which others at the time of the making of ſuch Letters Patents and Grants did not vſe, ſo they bee not contrary to the Law, nor miſchieuous to the State, by raiſing of the prices of Commodities at home, or hurt of Trade, or generally inconuenient, but that the ſame ſhall be of ſuch force as they were, or ſhould be, if this Act had not been made, and of none other: And if the ſame were made for more then one and twenty yeeres, That then the ſame for the terme of one and twentie yeeres onely, to be accompted from the date of the firſt Letters Patents and Grants thereof made, ſhall be of ſuch force as they were, or ſhould haue beene, if the ſame had beene made, but for terme of one and twentie yeeres onely, and as if this Acte had neuer beene had or made, and of none other.

Prouided alſo, and be it declared and enacted, That any Declaration before mentioned, ſhall not extend to any Letters Patents, and Grants of Priuiledge, for the tearme of foureteene yeeres or vnder, hereafter to be made, of the ſole working or making of any maner of new Manufacture within this Realme, to the true and firſt Inuentor and Inuentors of ſuch Manufactures, which others at the time of making ſuch Letters Patents, and Grants, ſhall not vſe ſo, as alſo they be not contrary to the Law, nor miſchieuous to the State, by raiſing prices of commodities at home, or hurt of Trade, or generally inconuenient: The ſaid foureteene yeeres to be accompted from the date of the firſt Letters Patents, or Grant of ſuch priuiledge, hereafter to be made, but that the ſame ſhall be of ſuch force as they ſhould be, if this Act had neuer beene made, and of none other.

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Prouided also, and it is hereby further intended, declared and enacted by the authority aforesayd, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend, or bee preiudiciall to any Grant or Priuiledge, Power or authority whatsoeuer, heretofore made, granted, allowed, or confirmed by any Act of Parliament now in force, so long as the same shall so continue in force.

Prouided also, that this Act shall not extend to any Warrant or Priuie Seale, made or directed, or to bee made or directed by his Maiesty, his Heires or Successors, to the Iustices of the Courts of the Kings Bench, or Common pleas, and Barons of the Exchequer, Iustices of Assize, Iustices of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaole deliuery, Iustices of the peace, and other Iustices for the time being, hauing power to heare and determine offences done against any penall Statute, to compound for the forfeitures of any penal Statute, depending in suit and question before them or any of them respectiuely, after plea pleaded by the party defendant.

Prouided also, and it is hereby further intended, declared, and enacted, That this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend, or be preiudiciall vnto the Citie of London, or to any Citie, Burough, or Towne corporate within this Realme, for, or concerning any Grants, Charter, or Letters Patents to them, or any of them made, or granted, or for, or concerning any Custome or Customes vsed by or within them, or any of them, or vnto any Corporations, Companies, or Fellowships of any Art, Trade, Occupatiō, or Mystery, or to any Companies, or Societies of Merchants within this Realme, erected for the maintenance, enlargement, or ordering of any trade of Merchandise, But that the same Charters, Customes, Corporations, Companies, Fellowships and Societies, and their Liberties, Priuiledges, Powers, and Immunities shall be and continue of such force and effect, as they were before the making of this Act, and of none other, any thing before in this Act contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, That this Act, or any declaration, prouision, disablement, penaltie, forfeiture, or other thing before mentioned, shall not extend to any Letters Patents, or Grants of Priuiledge heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, of, for or concerning Printing; Nor to any Commission, Grant, or Letters Patents heretofore made, or here-

hereafter to bee made, of, for, or concerning the digging, making, or compounding of Saltpeter, or Gunpowder, or the casting, or making of Ordinance, or Shot for Ordinance: Nor to any Grant or Letters Patents heeretofore made, or hereafter to bee made of any Office or Offices heretofore erected, made or ordained, and now in being, and put in execution, other then such Offices as haue beene decried by any his Maiesties Proclamation or Proclamations: but that all and every the same Grants, Commissions, and Letters Patents, and all other matters, and things tending to the maintaining, strengthening, or furtherance of the same, or any of them, shall bee, and remaine of the like force and effect, and no other, and as free from the declarations, prouisions, penalties, and forfeitures contained in this Act, as if this Act had neuer beene, had, nor made, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, That this Act, or any declaration, prouision, disablement, penaltie, forfeiture, or other thing before mentioned, shall not extend to any Commission Grant, Leters Patent, or Priuiledge heretofore made, or hereafter to bemade, of, for, or concerning the digging compounding or making of Allume, or Allume Wynes, but that all and euery the same Commissions, Grants, Letters Patents, and Priuiledges, shall be, and remaine of the like force and effect, and no other, and as free from the declarations, prouisions, penalties, & forfeitures contained in this Act, as if this Act had neuer beene had, nor made, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted, That this Act, or any declaration, prouision, penaltie, forfeiture, or other thing before mentioned, shall not extend or bee preiudiciall to any vse, custome, prescription, franchise, freedome, iurisdiction, immunitie, liberty, or priuiledge heretofore claimed, vsed, or enioyed by the Gouernors, and Stewards, and Brethren of the Fellowship of the Hoastmen of the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or by the ancient Fellowship, Guild, or Fraternity, commonly called Hoastmen, for, or concerning the selling, carying, lading, disposing, shipping, venting, or trading of, or for any Sea-coales, Stone-coales, or Pit-coales, foorth or out of the Hauen and Riuer of Tyne, or to a Grant made by the said Gouernour, and Stewards, and Brethren of the Fellowship of the said Hoastmen, to the late Queene Elizabeth, of any duety, or summe of money to bee payed, for, or in respect of any such Coales, as aforesaid: Nor to any Grants,

Letters Patents, or Commission heretofore granted, or hereafter to be granted, of, for, or concerning the licencing of the keeping of any Tauerne or Tauernes, or selling, vttering, or retayling of Wines to bee drunke, or spent in the Mansion house or houses, or other place, in the tenure or occupation of the party or parties so selling or vttering the same: Or for, or concerning the making of any Compositions for such Licences, so as the benefit of such Compositions be reserued and applyed to, and for the vse of his Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, and not to the priuate vse of any other person or persons.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted, That this Acte, or any Declaration, Prouision, Penaltie, Forfeiture, or other thing before mentioned, shall not extend, or bee preiudiciall to a Grant or Priuiledge, for, or concerning the making of Glasse, by his Maiesties Letters Patents, vnder the Great Seale of England, bearing date, the two and twentieth day of May, in the one and twentieth yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, made and graunted to Sir Robert Mansell Knight, vice Admirall of England: Nor to a Grant or Letters Patents, bearing date the twelfth day of June, in the thirteenth yere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, made to James Maxewell Esquire, concerning the Transportation of Calues-skinnes: But that the said seuerall Letters Patents last mentioned, shalbe and remaine of the like force and effect, and as free from the Declarations, Prouisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures before mentioned, as if this Acte had neuer beene had, nor made, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, and bee it declared and enacted, That this Acte, or any Declaration, Prouision, Penaltie, Forfeiture, or other thing before mentioned, shall not extend, or bee preiudiciall to a Grant or Priuiledge, for, or concerning the making of Smalt, by his Maiesties Letters Patents, vnder the great Seale of England, bearing date the sixteenth day of February, in the sixteenth yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, made or graunted to Abraham Baker: Nor to a Grant or Priuiledge, for, or concerning the melting of Iron Ewer, and of making the same into Cast-workes, or Barres with Sea coales, or Pit-coales, by his Maiesties Letters Patents, vnder the great Seale of England, bearing date the twentieth day of February, in the nineteenth yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, made or granted

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to Edward Lord Dudley, but that the same seuerall Letters Patents and Grants shall bee and remaine of the like force and effect, and as free from the Declarations, Prouisions, Penalties, and forfeitures before mentioned, as if this Act had neuer beene had nor made, and not otherwise.

An Acte for the ease of the Subiect, concerning Informations vpon Penall Statutes.

CHAP. IIII.

WHereas the offences against diuers and sundry Penall Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, may better and with more ease and lesse charge to the Subiect, be commenced, sued, informed against, prosecuted, and tryed in the Countries where such offences shall be committed; And whereas the poore Commons of this Realme, are grieuously charged, troubled vexed, molested, and disturbed by diuers troublesome persons commonly called Relators, Informers, & Promoters, by prosecuting, & informing them to appeare in his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, & to answere offences, supposed by them to bee committed against the said Penall Lawes and Statutes, or else to compound with them for the same: For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That all offences hereafter to be committed against any Penall Statute, for which any common Informer, or Promoter may lawfully ground any Popular Action, Bil, Plaint, Suit or Information, before Iustices of Assise, Iustices of Nisi prius, or Gaole deliuery, Iustices of Oyre and Terminer, or Iustices of the Peace in their generall or Quarter Sessions,

shall after the end of this present Session of Parliament, be commenced, sued, prosecuted, tried, recouered and determined by way of Action, Plaint, Bill, Information, or Indictment before the Iustices of Assise, Iustices of Nisi prius, Iustices of Oyre and Terminer, & Iustices of Gaole deliuery, or before the Iustices of Peace of euery County, City, Borough, or Towne corporate, and Libertie, hauing power to enquire of, heare, and determine the same, within this Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales, wherein such offences shall bee committed, in any of the Courts, places of Iudicature, or Liberties aforesaid, respectiuely, onely at the choyce of the parties, which shall or will commence Suit, or prosecute for the same, and not elsewhere, saue onely in the said Counties, or places vsuall for those Counties, or any of them: And that like Processe vpon euery Popular Action, Bill, Plaint, Information, or Suit, to bee commenced or sued, or prosecuted, after the end of this present Session of Parliament, by force of, or according to the purport of this Act, bee had and awarded, to all intents and purposes, as in an Action of Trespasse, Vi & Armis, at the Common Law, and that all, and all maner of Informations, Actions, Bils, Plaints, and Suits whatsoeuer, hereafter to bee commenced, sued, prosecuted or awarded, either by the Attourney generall of his Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, for the time being, or by any Officer or Officers whatsoeuer, for the time being, or by any common Informer, or other person whatsoeuer, in any of his Maesties Courts at Westminster, for, or concerning any the offences, penalties, or forfeitures aforesaid, shall be voyd and of none effect, Any Law, Custome or vsage to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That in all Informations to bee exhibited, and in all Bils, Counts, Plaints, and Declarations in any Action, or Suit, to be commenced against any person or persons, either by, or on the behalfe of the King, or any other, for or concerning any offence committed, or to bee committed against any Penall Statute, the offence shall bee layd and alleadged, to haue beene committed in the said Countie, where such offence was in truth committed, and not elsewhere. And if the Defendant to any such Information, Action, or Suit, pleadeth, that he oweth nothing, or that he is not guiltie; and the Plaintiffe, or Informer in such Information, Action,

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And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That no Officer or minister in any Court of Record, shall receiue, file, or enter of Record, any Information, Bill or Plaint, Count or Declaration, grounded vpon the said Penall Statutes, or any of them, which before, by this Acte, are appointed to bee heard, and determined in their proper Counties, vntill the Informer or Relator hath first taken a corporall Oath before some of the Iudges of that Court, that the offence or offences laid in such Information, Action, Suit, or Plaint, was, or were not committed in any other County, then where by the sayde Information, Bill, Plaint, Count, or Declaration, the same is, or are supposed to haue beene committed, and that he beleeueth in his conscience the offence was committed, within a yeere before the Information or Suit, within the same County, where the said Information or Suit was commenced, the same Oath to be there entred of Record.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That if any Information, Suit, or Action shall bee brought or exhibited against any person or persons, for any offence committed, or to be committed against the forme of any Penall Law, either by, or on the behalfe of the King, or by any other, or on the behalfe of the King, and any other, it shall bee lawfull for such Defendants, to pleade the generall Issue, that they are not guilty, or that they owe nothing, and to giue such speciall matter in euidence to the Iury, that shall try the same: which matter being pleaded, had beene a good and sufficient matter in Law, to haue discharged the sayde Defendant, or Defendants, against the said Information, Suit or Action, and the said matters shall be then as auaileable to him or them, to all intents and purposes, as if he, or they had sufficiently pleaded, set foorth, or alleadged the same matter in Barre, or discharge of such Information, Suit, or Action.

Prouided alwayes, That this Acte, or any Clause contained therein, shall not extend to any Information, Suit, or Action, grounded vpon any Law, or Statute made a-

gainst Popish Recusants, or for, or concerning Popish Recusancie, or against those that shall not frequent the Church, and heare Diuine Seruice, nor to any Information, Suit, or Action, for Maintenance, Champerty, or buying of Titles, nor to any Suit, or Information, grounded vpon the Statute made in the first yeere of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord the King, of a Subsidie granted to the King, of Tonnage, Poundage, Wooll, &c. Nor for, or concerning the concealing or defrauding the King, his heires, or Successors, of any Custome, Tonnage, Poundage, Subsidie, Impost, or Passage, or for transporting of Gold, Siluer, Ordinance, Powder, Shot, Munition of all sorts, Wooll, Woolfells, or Leather, but that such offence may be laid or alleadged to be in any County, at the pleasure of any Informer: Anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Acte that Sheriffes, their heires, executors, and administrators, hauing a QVIETVS EST, ſhall *bee abſolutely diſcharged of their Accompts.*

CHAP. V.



FOr as much as diuers Sheriffes of ſeuerall Counties within this Realme of England, and Dominion of Wales, haue beene of late much troubled & vexed long time after that they haue paſſed their Accompts, and had their Quietus eſt, and charged a new with arrerages, debts, and other ſummes of money pretended to haue beene by them leuied and receiued, and not formerly accompted for, to the great diſcouragement of others, to take vpon them the ſaid Office:

Bee it therefore enacted by the Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authority of the ſame, That whenſoeuer any Sheriffe or Sheriffes, within this Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales, vpon the paſſing of their Accompts, ſhall haue their Quietus eſt: That then, and from thenceforth, the ſaid Sheriffe or Sheriffes, their heires, executors, and adminiſtrators lands, tenements, goods, and chattels, ſhall bee abſolutly diſcharged of all manner of ſumme or ſummes of money, which hee or they ſhall haue ſo leuied, or receiued, and pretended not to be accounted for, within the ſaid accompt, whereupon he or they

they had their Quietus est, vnlesse such Sheriffe or Sheriffes, shall bee called in question, for such summe or summes of money pretended to bee leuied and received, and not accompted for, within the space of foure yeeres after the time of their said accompt and Quietus est: And that euery Officer or Minister, that shall send out, or cause to be sent out any Writ, or Processe, or by whose default any Writ or Processe shall bee sent out contrary to this Acte, shall for euery such offence, forfeit and pay to the party grieued, forty pounds, with his costs and dammages, the said summe of forty pounds, and the said cost and dammages to be recouered by any Action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, to bee brought and prosecuted in the Court of the Kings Bench, or the Court of the Common Pleas, at the election of the plaintiffe: wherein no priuiledge, protection, essoine, or wager of Law, shall bee allowed to the Defendant.

And further bee it enacted, That euery such offender being three times lawfully conuicted of any such offence or offences, vpon the triall of such action or debt, bill, plaint, or information, shall for such his offence and offences, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, bee vtterly disabled to bee, or continue in any Office, or imployment in the saide Court of Exchequer, or in any other Court of iustice whatsoeuer.

An

An Acte concerning Women conuicted of ſmall Fellonies.

CHAP. VI.

WHereas by the Lawes of this Realme, the benefit of Clergie is not allowed to Women conuicted of Felonie, by reaſon whereof many Women doe ſuffer death for ſmall cauſes: Bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That any Woman being lawfully conuicted by her confeſſion, or by the verdict of twelue men, of or for the Fellonious taking of any money, goods, or chattels, aboue the value of twelue pence, and vnder the value of tenne ſhillings, or as Acceſſary to any ſuch offence, the ſaid offence being no Burglary, nor Robbery, in or neere the High-way, nor the Fellonious taking of any money, goods, or chattels from the perſon of any man, or woman priuily, without his, or their knowledge, but onely ſuch an offence, as in the like caſe a man might haue his Clergie, ſhall for the firſt offence, bee branded and marked in the hand, vpon the brawne of the left thumbe, with a hot burning Iron, hauing a Romane T vpon the ſaid Iron; The ſayde marke to bee made by the Jaylor openly in the Court before the Judge, and alſo to bee further puniſhed by impriſonment, whipping, ſtocking, or ſending to the houſe of Correction, in ſuch ſort, maner, and forme, and for ſo long time (not exceeding the ſpace of one whole yeere) as the Judge, Judges, or other Juſtices, before whom ſhee ſhall be ſo conuicted, or which ſhall haue Authoritie in the cauſe, ſhall in their diſcretion thinke meete, according to

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the qualitie of the offence, and then to bee deliuered out of prison for that offence; Any Law, Custome, or Vsage to the contrary notwithstanding. This Acte to continue vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

¶ An Acte for the better repressing of Drunkennesse, and restraining the inordinate haunting of *Innes, Alehouses, and other* victualing houses.

CHAP. VII.

WHereas one Statute intituled, An Acte for restraine the inordinate haunting of tipling in Innes, Alehouses, and other victualing houses, made in the first yere of his Highnes happy reigne of England, And another Statute, intituled, An Acte to represse the odious and loathsome sin of Drunkennes, made in the fourth yere of his Highnesse Reigne of England, were made to continue to the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, and by experience haue beene found good and necessary Lawes; Bee it therefore enacted, That the said Statutes, with the alterations and additions hereafter expressed, shall be put in due execution, and continue for euer: And whereas by the sayde Statutes, proofe of two witnesses is required, Be it enacted, that proofe of one witnesse from henceforth shall be allowed and taken for sufficient in that behalfe: And that the voluntary confession (before any such persons as by the said Acte are authorized to minister the oath) of any person offending, either

either of the said Statutes, shall suffice to conuince the person so offending, after such confession, the oath of the party so confessing, shall and may be taken, and be a sufficient proofe against any other offending at the same time.

And be it further enacted, That if any other person or persons, whersoeuer his, or their habitation or abiding be, shall at any time hereafter bee found vpon view, or his owne confession or proofe of one witnesse, to bee tipling in any Inne, Alehouse, or Victualling house, such person or persons shall be from henceforth adiudged and construed to be within the said Statutes, as if he, or they had inhabited and dwelt in the Citie, Towne corporate, Market towne, Village or Hamlet, where the said Inne, Alehouse, or Victualling house is, or shall be, where he or they shall be so found tipling, and shall incurre the like penaltie, and the same to be in such sort leuied and disposed, as in the said Act is expressed, concerning such as there inhabit: and the voluntary confession of such person or persons so offending, before such as by the said Statutes are authorized to minister the Oath, shall suffice to conuince themselues, and after such confession, the oath of such person or persons so confessing, shall, and may be taken by such as by the said Act haue authoritie to minister an Oath, and shall be a sufficient proofe against any other, offending at that time.

And bee it further enacted, That any Iustice of Peace in any Countie, and any Iustice of Peace or other head Officer in any Citie, or Towne corporate, within their limits respectiuely, shall from henceforth haue power and authoritie, vpon his owne view, confession of the partie, or proofe of one witnesse vpon oath before him, which he by vertue of this Acte shall haue power to administer, to conuince any person of the offence of Drunkennesse, whereby such person so conuict, shall incurre the forfeiture of fiue shillings for euery such offence, and the same to be leuied, or the offender otherwise punished, as in the said Statute is appointed. And for the second offence, shall become bound to the Good-behauiour, as if he had been conuicted in open Sessions. Any thing in the said former Statute, made in the fourth yeere of his Maiesties Reigne to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, That if any person being an Alehouse-keeper, or that shall at any time hereafter bee an Alehouse-keeper, shall at any time hereafter be lawfully conuict

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for any offence, against any the branches of either of the said two former Statutes, according to the alterations and additions therein contained, or against the true meaning of this present Statute, That every person so convict, shall for the space of three yeeres next ensuing the said Conviction, be vtterly disabled to keepe any such Alehouse.

And whereas in the said Statute, made in the fourth yeere of his said Maiesties Reigne, entituled, An Act to represse the odious and loathsome sinne of Drunkennesse, Constables, Churchwardens, Headboroughs, Tithing-men, Aleconners, and Sidemen are appointed in the oathes incident to their Offices, to be likewise charged to present the offences contrary to the said Statute, Be it enacted, that the said oath shall alwayes hereafter be also inlarged, and extend to present all offences done, contrary to the Statute made in the first Session of Parliament, holde in the first yeere of his Highnesse Reigne, entituled, An Acte to restraine the inordinate haunting and tipling in Innes and Alehouses, and other victualling houses, with the alterations and additions in this Acte contained, made in the said fourth yeere of his said Maiesties Reigne according to the alterations and additions of the same, in this Act expressed.

¶ An

An Acte to preuent and punish the Abuses in procuring Proceſſe and *Superſedeas* of the Peace, and good behauiour, out of his Maieſties Courts at Weſtminſter, and to preuent the Abuſes in procuring Writs of *Certiorari* out of the ſayd Courtes, for the remooving of Indictments found before Iuſtices of the Peace in their generall Seſſions.

CHAP. VIII.

WHereas diuers turbulent and contentious perſons, ſome out of malice, and others in hope of gaine, by way of Compoſition, do oftentimes, vpon their corporall oathes, peremptorily and corruptly taken, or otherwiſe, vpon falſe ſuggeſtions, and ſurmiſes, procure Proceſſe of the Peace, or good behauiour, out of his Maieſties Courts of Chancery, and kings Bench, againſt diuers of his Maieſties quiet ſubiects, whoſe dwellings and abodes are (for the moſt part) in Countreys farre diſtant & remote from the ſaid Courts, to their intolerable trouble, and vexation, whereas they might vpon good cauſe ſhewed, receiue Iuſtice at the hands of the Iuſtices of the Peace, in the Counties where they dwell:

For remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliament, That all Proceſſe of the Peace, or good behauiour, after the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, to bee granted, or awarded out of the ſame Courts, or either of them, againſt any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, at the Suit

of, or by the prosecution of any person, or persons whatsoeuer, shall be voyde and of none effect, vnlesse such Proceese shalbe so granted, or awarded, vpon motion first made before the Judge or Judges of the same Courts respectiuely, (sitting in open Court, and vpon declaration in writing, vpon their corporall othes, to bee then exhibited vnto them, by the parties which shall desire such Proceese) of the causes, for which such Proceese shall be granted, or awarded, by, or out of any the said Courts respectiuely, and vnlesse that such Motion and Declaration be mentioned to bee made vpon the backe of the Writ: The said writings there to bee entred, and remaine of Record: And that if it shall afterwards appeare vnto the sayd Courts, or either of them respectiuely, that the causes expressed in such Writings, or any of them be vntrue; That then the Judge, or Judges of the sayd Courts, or either of them respectiuely, shall, and may award such costs and dammages vnto the parties grieued, for their, or any of their wrongfull vexations on that behalfe, as they shall thinke fit; And that the partie, or parties so offending, shall and may be commited to prison, by such Judge or Judges, vntill hee or they pay the said costs and dammages. And whereas diuers turbulent and contentious persons, deseruedly fearing to bee bound to the Peace, or good behauiour, by the Justices of Peace of the Counties where they dwel, doe oftentimes procure themselues to bee bound to the Peace, or good behauiour, in the said Courts, or one of them, vpon insufficient Sureties, or vpon colourable prosecution of some person, or persons, who will bee ready at all times to release them at their owne pleasure, whereupon his Maiesties Writs of Supersedeas are oftentimes directed to the Justices of Peace, and other his Maiesties Officers, requiring them, and euery of them, to forbeare to arrest, or imprison the parties aforesaid, for the causes aforesayd; by meanes whereof, the said turbulent and contentious persons, misdemeane themselues amongst their neighbours with impunitie, to the great offence and disturbance of their neighbours, amongst whom they conuerse and liue, and to the affront of the Justices of Peace, and to the euil example and encouragement of like euill disposed persons:

Bee it therefore enacted by the authoritie aforesaid. That all Writs of Supersedeas after the end of this present Session of Parliament to be granted by, or out of either of the Courts aforesaid,

aforesaid, shall bee voyde and of none effect, vnlesse such Proceſſe be granted likewise, vpon motion in open Court, first made, as aforesaid, & vpon such sufficient Sureties, as shall appeare vnto the Iudge, or Iudges of the same Court respectiuely, vpon oath to be assessed at fiue poundes Lands, or ten pounds in Goods, in the Subsidie booke, at the least, which oathes, and the names of such Sureties, with the places of their abode, and where they stand so assessed in the Subsidie bookes, shall bee entred, and remaine of Record in the same Courts: And vnlesse it shall also first appeare vnto the sayd Iudge or Iudges, from whom such Superſedeas is desired, That the Proceſſe of the Peace, or good behauiour, is prosecuted against him or them, desiring such Superſedeas bona fide, by some party grieued in that Court, out of which such Superſedeas is desired, to be so awarded and directed.

And whereas diuers lewd and euill disposed persons, commonly called common Baylers, or knights of the Post, being base and beggarly persons, do oftentimes procure themselues to bee assessed at high rates in the Subsidie bookes, and sometimes doe falsly take vpon them the names of other men of good ability, of purpose to enable themselues to be accepted for Bayle, which persons being of small, or no ability or worth, are ready for lucre, & gaine, to become bound by Recognizance as sureties, for such persons as shall procure themselues to be bound to the Peace or good behauiour, as aforesaid, By meanes whereof the Iudge or Iudges of the said Courts, not knowing them, may be easily abused, and Iustice deluded:

Bee it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the Iudge or Iudges of the Courts aforesaid, respectiuely, or of either of them, vpon proofe of any the misdemenors aforesaid, to be committed, in the obtaining of the aforesaid Writs of Superſedeas, or procuring such surety, as aforesaid, shall, and may likewise punish the false and insufficient sureties, and Baylers aforesaid, and the procurers thereof, according to their discretions; So as such punishment extend not to the losse of life, or member.

And whereas diuers Bils of Indictment, of Ryot, forceable entrie, or of Assalt and Battery, being found before the Iustices of Peace at their quarter Sessions of the Peace, or otherwise, are oftentimes remoued from the Counties, where such Indictments are found by Writtes of Certiorari, vnto them directed, out of the sayd Courts by, or by the meanes

of the persons so indicted, who well know, that few, or no persons grieued by such their outrages, and misdemeanors, whereof they stand so indicted, will vndergoe the trauell or charge of prosecution of such Indictments, so remooued by bringing the parties so indicted to tryall; By meanes whereof, such offenders, for the most part, escape vnprosecuted, and vnpunished; and the King loseth the Fines, which ought, and should haue beene imposed vpon them, if such Indictments had beene prosecuted, and not remooued.

Be it therefore enacted, That all such Writs of Certiorari, shall from, and after the end of this present Session of Parliament, be deliuered at some quarter Sessions of the Peace, in open Court, And that the parties indicted, shall before the allowance of such Certioraries, become bound vnto such person or persons, which shall prosecute such Billes of Indictment against them, in the summe of tenne pounds, with such sufficient sureties, as the Justices of Peace, at their saide quarter Sessions of the Peace, shal thinke fit, with condition to pay vnto the said prosecutors of such Bils of Indictment, within one moneth after the conuiction of such parties indicted, such reasonable Costes, and Damma ges, as the sayd Justices of Peace, of such Counties, where such Billes of Indictment shal be found in the said Sessions of the Peace, shall assesse or allow: And that, in default thereof, it shall bee lawfull for the said Justices to proceede to tryall of such Indictments, any such Writs of Certiorari, to remoue the same Indictments notwithstanding.

¶ An

An Acte for the free trade and traffique of VVelch Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, Linings, and Plaines, in, and through the Kingdome of ENGLAND, and Dominion of WALES.

CHAP. IX.

WHereas the Trade of making of Welch Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, Linings, and Plaines, within the Principalitie and Dominion of Wales, is, and hath beene of long continuance; in the vsing and exercising whereof, many thousands of the poorer sort of the Inhabitants there, in precedent ages haue beene set on worke in Spinning, Carding, Weauing, Fulling, Cottoning, and Shering; whereby they (hauing free liberty to sell them, to whom and where they would) not onely releeued and maintained themselues and their families in good sort, but also grew to such wealth and meanes of liuing, as they were thereby enabled to pay & discharge all Duties, Myzes, Charges, Subsidies and Taxations, which were vpon them imposed, or rated in their seuerall Counties, Parishes and places, wherein they dwelled, for the releefe of the poore, and for the seruice of the King, and the Commonwealth: And whereas also the Drapers of the Towne of Shrewsburie in the Countie of Salop, haue of late obtained some orders of restraint, whereby the Inhabitants of Wales find themselues much preiudiced in the freedome of their markets, for buying and selling of their Clothes, to their great Dammage, as was verified by the generall voyce of the

Knights and Burgeſſes of the twelue Shires of Wales, and of the Countie of Monmouth:

For remedie whereof, Bee it declared and enacted by the Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authoritie of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawfull, to and for all and euery his Maieſties Subiects, inhabiting or dwelling, or which at any time hereafter ſhall inhabite or dwell within the ſaid Dominion of Wales, or any part thereof, freely to ſell, by way of Barter, or otherwiſe, all, or any their Welch Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, Linings or Plaines, at their willes and pleaſures, to any perſon or perſons, who lawfully by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, may buy the ſame; and that it ſhall and may alſo bee lawfull for any perſon and perſons, who by the Lawes or Statutes of this Realme may lawfully buy ſuch Clothes, and other the premiſſes, freely to buy the ſame of any perſon or perſons, inhabiting or dwelling, or which hereafter ſhall inhabite or dwell within the ſayd Dominion of Wales, Any Charter, Graunt, Acte, Order, or any thing elſe heretofore made or done, or hereafter to be made or done, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawfull to, and for any perſon or perſons vſing, or which ſhall vſe the trade of Merchandize, to tranſport into any the parts beyond the Seas, any of the ſayd Welch Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, Linings and plaines, out of any Ports or Hauens within this Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales, or out of any the members thereof, where his Maieſtie, his Heires or Succeſſors haue, or ſhall then haue Officers attending to ſearch, view, and controll the ſame, and to receiue the kings Maieſties Cuſtomes, and other duties due and payable for the ſame: So as alwayes the Cuſtomes, and other duetties payable for ſuch Clothes, and other the Premiſſes, ſo to be tranſported, ſhall be iuſtly and duely paide for the ſame; And ſo as alwayes the ſayd Welch Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, Linings and Plaines, before the tranſporting thereof, ſhall be Fulled, Cottened and ſheared, as in former times they haue vſed to bee: And that no perſon ſhall tranſport the ſaid Clothes in other manner, then as aforeſayd, vpon paine to forfeit the whole value of ſuch Clothes, ſo to be tranſported, contrary to the true meaning

ning of this Act; The one halfe of all which forfeitures to be to his Maiestie, his Heires and Successors, and the other halfe to such person or persons as will sue for the same, by Information, Bill, Plaint, Action of Debt, or otherwise, in any of his Maiesties Courts of Record, wherein no Essoine, Protection, Priuiledge, or Ley-Gager, shall bee allowed to the Defendant.

This Act to endure and continue for the terme of seuen yeres from the end of this Session of Parliament, and from thencefoorth to the end of the next Session of Parliament ensuing after the end of those seuen yeeres.

Prouided alwayes, That this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not giue power or authoritie to any Forreiner or Forreuers, to buy and sell, by way of Retaile, any the sayd Welch Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, Linings, or Plaines, within the Towne of Shrewsbury, or in any other corporate Towne or Priuiledged place, contrary to any lawfull Charter, Grant, Custome, Priuiledge or Libertie in the same Towne or place now being or vsed.

¶ An

An Acte of Repeale of one Branch of the Statutes, made in the Sesion of Parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminster, the two and twentieth day of Ianuary, in the foure and thirtieth yeere of the Raigne of King *Henry* the eight, intituled, An Acte for certaine Ordinances in the Kings Maiesties Dominion, and Principality of WALES.

CAHP. X.



Hereas the Subiects of the Countrey and Dominion of Wales, haue beene constantly loyall & obedient, and haue liued in all dutifull subiection to the Crowne of England: And whereas by an Acte of Parliament, made in the foure and thirtieth yeere of the Raigne of the late King Henry the eight, intituled, An Act for certaine Ordinances in the Kings Maiesties Dominion, and Principality of Wales (amongst other things) It is enacted and ordeined in these wordes:

Item, it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Kings most Royall Maiestie, shall, and may at all times hereafter, from time to time, change, adde, alter, order, minish and reforme all manner of things afore rehearsed, as to his most excellent wisedome and discretion shall be thought conuenient, and also to make Lawes and Ordinances for the Common wealth, and good quiet of his sayd Dominion of Wales, and his subiects of the same, from time to time, at his Maiesties pleasure, Any thing conteined in this Acte, or in the sayd Acte made for the Shire-ground of Wales, or any other Acte or Actes, thing or things, to the contrary thereof heretofore made in any wise not withstanding. And that all such alterations of the premisses, or any part thereof, and all such Lawes and Ordinances to bee hereafter made, deuised, and

and published by authoritie of this Act, by the kings Maiestie in writing vnder his Highnesse great Seale, shall be of as good strength, vertue and effect, as if they had beene had and made by authoritie of Parliament.

And forasmuch as it is manifest by long experience, That the Lawes & Statutes already ordained for the said Countrey, are in effect & for the most part agreeable to the Lawes and Statutes of this his Highnesse kingdome of England, and all, and euery of the same obeyed with great alacritie: And for that after so long a quiet among them; any future change or innouation herein would be dangerous, and for the abolition of distinction and difference betweene the subiects of England and Wales, His most Excellent Maiestie tendering the common and constant good of the sayd Countrey and Dominion of Wales, and of their posteritie for euer hereafter, is graciously pleased, That it may bee enacted by his Maiestie, with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled;

And bee it enacted by the authoritie of the same, That the said recited Branch of the sayd Act of Parliament, and euery article, word, and sentence in that Branch contained, bee vtterly repealed and made voyd, and of none effect, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as if the said Branch had neuer been made nor contained in the sayd Act: And that the kings Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, shall not by vertue of the said Clause or Branch in the said Act, at any time hereafter alter, change or reforme any Lawes, Vsage, or Custome, or make any new Lawes, for, or concerning the sayd Dominion or Principalitie of Wales.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, That all and euery Clause, Article, and thing contained in the aforesaid Act of Parliament, other then the aforesaid Branch before recited, shall stand, remaine, and be in as full force and effect, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as if this present Act had neuer beene had or made.

¶ An

¶ An Act for confirmation of a Iudgement, giuen for his Maiestie in a *Scire facias* against *Henry Heron*, *and for declaration of the Letters patents* therein mentioned to be voyd.

CHAP. XI.

WHereas our Soueraigne Lord the king, by his Highnesse Letters Patents, sealed with the great Seale of England, bearing date at Gorrhambury, the fift day of August, in the seuenteenth yeere of his Reigne of England, reciting certaine Letters Patents of the late Queene Elizabeth, made to one Henry Warner, did graunt to one Henry Heron the sole power, priuiledge, licence, and authoritie of salting, drying, and Packing of Fish in the Counties of Deuon and Cornewall, and in all and singular parts and places of the same, as well within Liberties as without, To haue from the date of the said Letters Patents, during the terme of one and thirtie yeeres from thence next following, fully to bee compleat and ended, as amply, as the sayde Henry Warner, or any other had the same vnder a certaine yeerly Rent in the same Letters Patents specified, by which all others were inhibited to put in practise the salting, drying and packing of Fish within the Counties, during the said terme, without the Licence of the sayd Henry Heron, his Executors, Administrators or Assignes: And where our sayd Soueraigne Lord the king, by his Writ of Scire facias, dated at Westminster, the seuen and twentieth day of March, in the nineteenth yeere of his Reigne of England, issuing out of his Court of Chancery, which was then at Westminster, in the

the Countie of Middleſex, where the ſayd Letters Patents were enrolled of Record, to the ſaid Sheriff of the ſaid Countie of Middleſex directed, reciting his Maieſties ſaid Letters patents, and reciting alſo, amongſt other things, that the ſaid Letters patents made to the preiudice of the libertie of his Subiects, and their common dammage, and in deceit of his Maieſtie, were voyd and of none effect, and that it pertained to his Maieſtie by his Royaltie, which hee would not ſhould bee wanting to eaſe his Subiects in any caſe, to reuoke and make voyd ſuch Letters Patents of Grants of Liberties, hurtfull to his people, and whereby they may be moze durthened then accuſtomed: And that his Maieſtie, willing to conſerue the Lawes and Cuſtomes of the Realme, and Liberties and free cuſtomes of his Subiects, whoſe profit he eſteemed as his owne, and alſo to preſerue the Rights of his Crowne, by the ſaid Writ commanded the ſayd Sheriffe, to warne the ſayd Henry Heron to be in the ſaid Chancerie, fifteene dayes after Eaſter then comming, to anſwere the premiſſes, and to ſhew, if hee could, wherefore the ſayd Letters patents ſhould not bee reuoked to bee made voyd, and why the Enrollement of them ſhould not be cancelled: Before the day of the Returne of which Writ, the ſaid Henry Heron was warned by the Sheriffe of the ſayd Countie of Middleſex, to be at the ſaid day in the ſaid Chancerie, to ſhew cauſe, as by the ſaid Writ was required, and at the day of the ſaid Returne of the ſaid Writ, the Sheriffe of the ſayd Countie did Returne the ſaid Writ executed, and that hee had warned the ſayd Henry Heron, as by the ſaid Writ was required: At which day the ſaid Henry Heron made default, and vpon his default, Iudgement was giuen, that the ſaid Letters patents to him made, ſhould be reuoked and voyd, and that the Inrollment of them ſhould be cancelled, as by the Records of the ſaid Iudgement remaining in the ſayd Court of Chancerie, doeth appeare. Bee it enacted by the Authoritie of this Parliament, That the ſaid Iudgement be, and ſhall ſtand in full force and effect at all times hereafter. And that the ſaid Letters patents made to the ſaid Henry Heron, of the liberty of ſalting, drying, and packing of fiſh, and all things contained in them, be vtterly voyd, fruſtrate, and of none effect.

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An Acte to enlarge and make perpetuall the Acte made for eaſe in pleading, againſt troubleſome and contentious *Suites, proſecuted againſt Juſtices of* the Peace, Maiors, Conſtables, and certaine others his Maieſties Officers for the lawfull Execution of their Office, made in the ſeuenth yeere of his Maieſties moſt happy Reigne.

CHAP. XII.

WHereas an Act intituled, An Acte for eaſe in pleading againſt troubleſome and Contentious Suites, proſecuted againſt Juſtices of the Peace, Maiors, Conſtables, and certaine other his Maieſties Officers, for the lawfull Execution of their Office, made in the ſeuenth yeere of his Maieſties moſt happy Reigne of England, was made to continue but for ſeuen yeeres, and from thence to the ende of the next parliament, after the ſaid ſeuen yeeres, which by experience hath ſince been found to be a good and profitable Law.

Be it therefore enacted by the Kings moſt Excellent Maieſty, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authoritie of the ſame, that the ſaid Act ſhall from, and after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament be perpetuall, and haue continuance for euer.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, that all Churchwardens, and all perſons called ſworne-men, executing of the Office of Churchwardens, and all Ouerſeers of

of the poore, and all others which in their ayde or assistance, or by their commandement shall doe any thing touching, or concerning his or their Office or Officers, shall hereafter bee enabled to receiue, and haue euery benefit and helpe, by vertue of the sayd Act, to all intents constructions and purposes, as if they had been specially named therein.

And whereas, notwithstanding the saide Statute, the Plaintiffe is at liberty to lay his Action, which he shall bring against any Iustice of Peace, or other Officer in any forraign Country, at his choyce, which hath proued very inconuenient vnto sundry of the Officers, and persons aforesayd, that haue beene impleaded by some contentious, and troublesome persons in Countries farre remote from their places of habitations:

Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesayd, That if any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Suit vpon the Case, Trespasse, Battery, or false imprisonment, shall bee brought after the end of this present Session of Parliament, against any Iustice of Peace, Maior, or Bailife of Citie, or Towne corporate, Headborough, Portreeue, Constable, Tythingman, Collector of Subsidie or Fifteenes, Churchwardens, and persons called Swornemen, executing the Office of Churchwarden, or Ouerseer of the Poore, and their Deputies, or any of them, or any other, which in their ayde or assistance, or by their commandement, shall doe any thing touching, or concerning his or their office or Offices, for, or concerning any matter, cause or thing, by them, or any of them done, by vertue or reason of their, or any of their Office or Offices, that the sayd Action, Bill, Plaint, or Suit shall bee layd within the Countie, where the trespasse or fact shall bee done and committed, and not elsewhere. And that it shall be lawfull to, and for all, and euery person and persons aforesaid, to plead thereunto the generall Issue, that hee, or they are not guilty, and to giue such speciall matter in euidence to the Jury, which shall try the same, as in, or by the sayd former Act is limited or declared. And that, if vpon the tryall of any such Action, bill, plaint or suit, the Plaintiffe or Plaintiffes therein, shall not proone to the Iurie, which shall try the same, That the Trespasse, Battery, Imprisonment, or other fact or cause of his, her, or their such Action, bill, plaint, or suite, was, or were had, made, committed, or done within the County, wherin such action, bill, playnt,

or suit shall bee layd; That then in euery such case, the Iurie which shall trie the same, shall find the defendant and defendants in euery such action, bill, plaint, or suite, not guilty, without hauing any regard or respect to any euidence giuen by the plaintiffe or plaintiffes therein, touching the trespasse, battery, imprisonment, or other cause, for which the same action, bill, plaint, or suite, is or shall bee brought. And if the verdict shall passe with the defendant or defendants in any such action, bill, plaint, or suit, or the plaintiffe or plaintiffes therein become non-suite, or suffer any discontinuance thereof, That in euery such case, the Defendant or defendants shall haue such double costs, and all other aduantages and remedies, as in and by the sayd former Act is limited, directed, or prouided.

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An Acte for the further reformation of Ieofayles.

CHAP. XIII.

WHereas in the two and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of King Henry the eight, of famous memory, a good and profitable Law, intituled, An Acte concerning miſpleading Ieofayles, and Atturneyes, was made and enacted, And likewiſe another good and profitable Law was made in the eighteenth yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, intituled, An Acte for reformation of Ieofayles, by which Lawes many delayes of Iudgements were preuented, and yet notwithſtanding, many things haue, and daily doe fall out, not yet prouided for, nor remedied by the Lawes before mentioned:

Bee it therefore enacted by the Authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That if any verdict of twelue men or more, ſhall hereafter be giuen for the Plaintiffe or Demandant, or for the defendant, or Tenant, Baily in Aſſiſe, Vouchee, Pray in aide, or Tenant by receit, in any action, ſuit, bill, plaint, or demand in any Court of Record, the Iudgement thereupon ſhall not be ſtayed, nor reuerſed, by reaſon of any variance, in forme onely betweene the originall Writ or Bill, and the Declaration, Plaint or Demand, or for lacke of an auerrement of any life or liues of any perſon or perſons, ſo as vpon examination the ſaid perſon be prooued to be in life, or by reaſon that the venire facias, habeas corpora or diſtringies is awarded to a wrong Officer, vpon any inſufficient ſuggeſtion, or by reaſon the viſue is in ſome part miſawarded or ſued out of more places, or of fewer places then it ought to bee, ſo as ſome one place be right named, or by reaſon that any of the Iewry which tryed

the said Jssue is misnamed, either in the surname, or addition in any of the said Writs, or in any returne vpon any of the said Writs, so as vpon examination it be prooued to be the same man that was meant to be returned, or by reason that there is no returne vpon any of the said Writs, so as a pannell of the names of Jurors be returned and annexed to the said Writ, or for that the Sheriffes name, or other Officers name hauing the returne thereof, is not set to the returne of any such Writ, so as vpon examination it be prooued, that the said Writ was returned by the Sheriffe, or Vnder Sheriffe, or such other Officer, or by reason that the Plaintiff in any electione firmæ, or in any personall Action or Suit, (being an infant vnder the age of one and twenty yeeres) did appeare by Attorney therein, and the verdict passe for him, Any Law, Custome, or Vsage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted, That this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Writ, Declaration, or Suite of appeale of Fellony, or Murther, nor to any Indictment, or presentment of Fellony, Murther, or Treason, nor to any Processe vpon any of them, nor to any Writ, Bill, Action, or Information vpon any popular or penall Statute, Any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Acte to admit the Subiect to pleade the generall Issue in Informations of Intrusion, brought on *the behalfe of the Kings Maiestie*, and to retaine his possession till Tryall

CHAP. XIIII.

WHere the King, out of his Prerogative Royall, may inforce the Subiect in Informations of Intrusion, brought against him to a speciall pleading of his Title; The Kings most excellent Maiestie, out of his gracious disposition towards his loving Subiectes, and at their humble suit, being willing to remit a part of his ancient and Regall power, is well pleased that it bee enacted; And bee it enacted by the Kings most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, That whensoeuer the King, his Heires or Successors, and such from, or vnder whom the King claimeth, and all others clayming vnder the same Title, vnder which the King claimeth, hath been, or shall bee out of possession by the space of twentie yeeres, or hath not, or shall not haue taken the profits of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the space of twentie yeeres, before any Information of Intrusion brought, or to bee brought, to recouer the same: That in euery such case, the Defendant, or Defendants may plead the generall Issue, if hee, or they so thinke fit, and shall not bee pressed to pleade specially, and that in such cases the Defendant or Defen-

dants shall reteine the possession, hee or they had, at the time of such information exhibited, vntill the Title bee tryed, found or adiudged for the King.

And be it further enacted, That where an Information of Intrusion, may fitly and aptly bee brought on the Kings behalfe; That no Scire facias shall be brought, whereunto the Subiect shall be forced to a speciall pleading, and bee depriued of the grace intended by this Act.

An Acte to enable Iudges and Iustices of the Peace to giue restitution of Possession *in certaine Cases.*

CHAP. XV.

BE it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That euery Iudges, Iustices, or Iustice of the Peace, as by reason of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, are authorised, and enabled vpon enquiry, to giue restitution of possession vnto Tenants, of any estate of freehold, of their Lands or Tenements, which shall bee entred vpon with force, or from them withholden by force, shall by reason of this present Act, haue the like, and the same authoritie and ability from henceforth (vpon Indictment of such forcible entries, or forcible withholdings, before them duely found) to giue like restitution of possession vnto Tenants, for terme of yeeres, Tenants by Copy of Court Roll, Guardians by Knights seruice, Tenants by Elegit, Statute Merchant, and Staple of lands, or tenements, by them so holden, which shall be entred vpon by force, or holden from them by force.

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An Acte for limitation of Actions, and for auoyding of Suits in Law.

CHAP. XVI.



For quieting of mens Estates, and auoyding of Suits, Be it enacted by the Kings most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliamen assembled, That all Writs of Formedon in Descender, Formedon in Remainder, and Formedon in Reuerter, at any time hereafter to bee sued or brought, of, or for any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, whereunto any person or persons now hath, or haue any title, or cause to haue or pursue any such Writ, shall bee sued and taken within twenty yeeres next after the end of this present Session of Parliament: And after the said twenty yeeres expired, no such person or persons, or any of their heires shall haue or maintaine any such Writ, of, or for any of the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; And that all Writs of Formedon in Descender, Formedon in Remainder, and Formedon in Reuerter, of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments whatsoeuer, at any time hereafter to be sued, or brought, by occasion or meanes of any title or cause hereafter happening, shall bee sued and taken within twenty yeeres next after the title and cause of Action first descended or fallen, and at no time after the sayd twenty yeeres: And that no person or persons that now hath any right or title of Entry into any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, now held from him or them, shall thereunto enter, but within twenty

yeeres

yeeres next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, or within twentie yeeres next after any other title of Entry accrued: And that no person or persons shall at any time hereafter make any entry into any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, but within twenty yeeres next after his or their right or title, which shall hereafter first descend or accrue to the same; And in default thereof, such persons so not entring, and their heires, shall be vtterly excluded and disabled from such entry after to bee made; Any former Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, That if any person or persons that is or shall bee entitled to such Writ or Writs, or that hath or shall haue such right or title of Entry, bee, or shall bee at the time of the said right or title, first descended, accrued, come or fallen within the age of one and twenty yeeres Feme couert, non compos mentis, imprisoned, or beyond the Seas, That then such person and persons, and his, and their heire, and heires shall or may, notwithstanding the said twenty yeeres bee expired, bring his Action, or make his Entry as hee might haue done before this Act: So as such person and persons, or his, or their heire and heires, shall within ten yeeres next after his, or their full age, discouerture, comming of sound minde, inlargement out of prison, or comming into this Realme, or death, take benefite of, and sue foorth the same, and at no time after the sayd ten yeeres.

And bee it further enacted, That all Actions of trespasse, Quare clausum fregit, all Actions of trespasse, Detinue, Action Surtrouer, and Repleuyn for taking away of Goods and Cattell, all Actions of accompt, and vpon the Case, other then such Accompts as concerne the Trade of Merchandize betweene Merchant and Merchant, their Factors or Seruants, all Actions of debt, grounded vpon any lending or contract without specialty, all Actions of debt for arrerages of Rents, and all Actions of assault, Menace, Battery, Wounding and imprisonment, or any of them, which shall be sued or brought at any time after the end of this present Session of Parliament, shall bee commenced and sued, within the time and limitation hereafter expressed, and not after, (That is to say) The said Actions vpon the Case (other then for slander) and the sayd Actions for Accompt, and the said Actions for Trespasse, Debt, Detinue and Repleuin for goods or cattell, and the said Actions of trespasse, Quare clausum fregit,

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within three yeeres next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, or within sixe yeeres next after the cause of such actions or suit, and not after: And the said Actions of Trespasse, of Assault, Battery, Wounding, Imprisonment, or any of them, within one yeere next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, or within foure yeeres next after the cause of such Actions or Suit, and not after: And the said Actions vpon the Case for words, within one yeere after the end of this present Session of Parliament, or within two yeeres next after the words spoken and not after.

And neuertheleſſe, be it enacted, That if in any the sayd Actions or Suits, Iudgement bee giuen for the Plaintiffe, and the same be reuersed by error, or a Verdict passe for the Plaintiffe, and vpon matter alleadged in arrest of Iudgement, the Iudgement bee giuen against the Plaintiffe, that hee take nothing by his Plaint, Writ, or Bill, or if any the said Actions shall bee brought by Originall, and the Defendant therein be outlawed, and shall after reuerse the Outlawry, That in all such cases the party Plaintiffe, his heires, executors, or administrators, as the case shall require, may commence a new Action or Suit, from time to time, within a yeere after such Iudgement reuersed, or such Iudgement giuen against the Plaintiffe, or Outlawrie reuersed, and not after.

And bee it further enacted, That in all Actions of Trespasse, Quare clausum fregit, hereafter to bee brought, wherein the Defendant, or Defendants shall disclaime, in his or their Plea, to make any title or claime to the Land, in which the Trespasse is by the Declaration supposed to bee done, and the trespasse be by negligence, or inuoluntary, the Defendant or Defendants shall bee admitted to plead a disclaimer, and that the Trespasse was by negligence, or inuoluntary, and a tender or offer of sufficient amends for such Trespasse before the Action brought, whereupon, or vpon some of them, the Plaintiffe or Plaintiffes, shall be enforced to ioyne Issue, and if the said Issue bee found for the Defendant, or Defendants, or the Plaintiffe, or Plaintiffes shall bee non suited, the Plaintiffe, or Plaintiffes shall bee clearely barred from the said Action or Actions, and all other Suit concerning the same.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all Actions vpon the Case for slanderous words, to be sued,

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or prosecuted by any person or persons in any the Courts of Record at Westminster, or in any Court whatsoeuer, that hath power to hold plea of the same, after the end of this present Session of Parliament, if the Jury, vpon the triall of the Issue in such Action, or the Jury that shall inquire of the dammages, doe find or assesse the dammages vnder forty shillings, then the Plaintiffe or Plaintiffes in such Action, shall haue and recouer onely so much costs, as the dammages, so giuen or assessed, amount vnto, without any further increase of the same: Any Law, Statute, Custome, or Vsage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, and bee it further enacted, That if any person or persons, that is, or shall bee, intituled to any such Action of Trespasse, Detinue, Action Surtrouer, Repleuin, Actions of Accounts, Actions of Debts, Action of Trespasse for assault, Menace, Battery, Wounding, or Imprisonment, Actions vpon the Case for words, be, or shall bee at the time of any such cause of Action giuen or accrued, fallen, or come within the age of twenty one yeeres, Feme couert, non compos mentis, imprisoned, or beyond the Seas, that then such person or persons, shall bee at libertie to bring the same Actions, so as they take the same within such times, as are before limited, after their comming to, or being of full age, discouert, of Sane memory, at large, and returned from beyond the Seas, as other persons, hauing no such impediment should haue done.

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An Acte againſt Vſury.

CAHP. XVII.



Hereas at this time there is a very great abatement in the value of Land, and other the Merchandize, Wares, and Commodities of this Kingdome, both at home, and alſo in forraigne parts, whither they are tranſported; And whereas diuers Subiects of this Kingdome, aſwell the Gentry as Merchants, Farmors and Tradeſemen, both for their vrgent and neceſſary occaſions for the following their Trades, maintenance of their ſtockes and imployments, haue borrowed, and doe borrow diuers ſums of money, Wares, Merchandiſe and other Commodities; but by reaſon of the ſaid generall fall and abatement of the value of Land, and the prices of the ſayde Merchandiſe, Wares, and Commodities; and intereſt in Loane, continuing at ſo high a rate, as tenne pounds in the hundred pounds for a yeere, doth not onely make men vnable to pay their debts, and continue the maintenance of Trade, but their debts daily increaſing, they are inforced to ſell their lands and Stocks at very low rates, to forſake the vſe of Marchandiſe and Trade, and to giue ouer their Leaſes, and Farmes, and ſo become vnprofitable members of the Common-wealth, to the great hurt and hinderance of the ſame:

Bee it therefore enacted by the Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, That no perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, from, and after the foure and twentieth day of June, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord, one thouſand

thousand fiue hundred twenty and fiue, vpon any contract to be made after the said foure and twentieth day of June, shall take directly or indirectly for Loane of any Moneys, Wares, Marchandize, or other Commodities whatsoeuer, aboue the value of eight pounds, for the forbearance of one hundred pounds for a yeere, and so after that Rate, for a greater or lesser summe, or for a longer or shorter time: And that all Bonds, Contracts, and Assurances whatsoeuer made after the time aforesaid, for payment of any Principall, or money to be lent or couenanted to bee performed, vpon, or for any Vsury, whereupon, or whereby there shall be reserued, or taken aboue the rate of Eight pounds in the hundred, as aforesaid, shall be vtterly voyd: And that all and euery person and persons whatsoeuer, which shal after the time aforesaid, vpon any Contract to be made, after the said foure and twentieth day of June, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord, One thousand fiue hundred twenty and fiue, take, accept, and receiue, by way, or meanes of any corrupt Bargaine, Loane, Exchange, Chieuesaunce, Shift, or interest of any wares, Marchandise, or other thing or things whatsoeuer, or by any deceitfull way or meanes, or by any couine, engine, or deceitfull conueiance, for the forbearing, or giuing day of payment for one whole yeere, of, and for their money, or other thing, aboue the summe of eight pounds for the forbearing of one hundred pounds for a yeere, and so after that Rate for a lesser or greater summe, or for a longer or shorter time, shall forfeit and lose for euery such offence, the treble value of the Moneis, Wares, Marchandise, and other things so lent, bargained, sold, exchanged or shifted.

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That all and euery Scriuener and Scriueners, Broker and Brokers, Solicitor, and Solicitors, Driuer and Druers of bargaines for Contracts, who shall after the said twenty fourth day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord, one thousand fiue hundred twentie and fiue, take or receiue, directly or indirectly, any summe or summes of Money, or other reward or thing for Brocage, soliciting, druing, or procuring the Loane, or forbearing of any summe or summes of money, ouer and aboue the Rate or value of fiue shillings for the Loane, or forbearing of one hundred pounds for a yeere, and so ratably, or aboue twelue pence for making or renewing of the Bond or Bill, for the Loane or forbearing thereof,

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or for any counter Bond or Bill concerning the same, shall forfeit for euery such offence, Twenty pounds, and haue imprisonment for halfe a yeere; The one Mottie of all which forfeitures, to be to the King our Soueraigne Lord, his Heires and Successors, and the other moyty to him or them that will sue for the same, in the same County where the seuerall offences are committed, and not elsewhere, by action of debt, Bill, plaint, or information, in which no Essoine, wager of Law, or protection to be allowed.

This Act to continue for the space of seuen yeeres, from the said foure and twentieth day of June, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord, one thousand fiue hundred twenty and fiue, and so to the end of the first Session of Parliament then next following.

Prouided, That no words in this Law contained, shall be construed or expounded, to allow the practise of Vsury, in point of Religion or conscience.

An Acte for continuance of a former Statute, made in the fourth yeere of the Kings Maiesties Reigne of England, &c. Intituled, An Acte for the true making of Woollen Cloathes, and for some additions and alterations, in, and to the same.

CHAP. XVIII.

WHereas in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maiesty that now is, there was amongst other, An Act made and intituled, An Act for the true making of Woollen Clothes, which said and by the said Act is to continue in force and effect, but vnto the end of the first Session of the then next Parliament: Forasmuch

as the sayd Act is found by experience to be very necessary, expedient, and beneficiall for the Common-weale, both in the prouiding for the seuerall respectiue lengths, breadths, and weight of the seuerall sorts of Woollen Cloathes, mentioned in the sayd Statute, as also in the auoyding the mixture of Flockes, Thrummes, and other deceiueable things, in the making of Woollen Cloathes, sauing in those points whereunto the additions and alterations in this present Act doe extend: Bee it therefore enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, That the same Act aboue remembred, and all and euery the branches, clauses, and prouisions in the same contained, and which are not in this present Act altered, repealed, discontinued, or enlarged, shall continue and bee from henceforth in full force and effect, vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

And whereas in, and by the aforesaid Act, it was amongst other things enacted and prouided, that it should or might bee lawfull to, and for any person and persons, lawfully exercising the Trade or Art of a Clothier, or making of Cloathes, to make Flockes, Thrummes, and Lambes wooll into Cloth of one only kind or making, which should containe in length, being throughly wette, betweene twelue and thirteene such yards and inches, as in the said Statute beene mentioned, and in breadth one yard at the least within the Listes, and being cleane scoured, thicked, milled, and fully dryed; should weigh fifteene pounds the peece, at the least: Be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the sayd clause or prouision for the making of Flockes, Thrummes, and Lambes wooll into Cloth, shall be from henceforth discontinued, or repealed, and voyd: And further, whereas since the making of the said Act, many ill disposed persons, for their owne priuate gaine and lucre, and in deceit of the buyers of Cloth, and to the discredite, and discrediting of good Cloth, haue vsed to mixe, and put Flockes and Thrummes, and also noyles and haires, and other deceiueable things, into, within, and vpon the broad Woollen Cloathes mentioned in the sayd Act, which said broad Woollen Cloathes be of farre greater length, breadth, and estimation then be those cloathes whereinto the said Flockes, Thrums, and Lambes wooll is and by the said Act been permitted to be put into: And by the meanes of the mixing and putting in, or vpon such broad Clothes of the said Flocks, noyles, thrummes, haire, and other

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deceiueable things, into, and within, or vpon the sayd broad Woollen Clothes, the said broad Woollen Clothes be much abused and discredited, and the buyers of such broad-Woollen clothes, couzened, deceiued, and abused.

For reformation of which foresayd, wrongs, abuses, and misdemeanors, Bee it enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maiesty, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the authority of the same, That from henceforth no person or persons, shall mixe or put any Flocks, Noyles, Thrums, Haire, or other deceiueable thing or things, or any Yarne made of the said deceiueable thing or things, into, within, or vpon any broad Woollen Cloth or Clothes, vpon paine to forfeit onely Fiue pounds, and no more for euery such broad woollen Cloth, into, within, or vpon which any such Flocks, Noyles, Thrums, Haire, or any other deceiueable thing or things shall bee put into, or vsed, the said forfeiture to bee to the vse of the poore of the Parish, where such deceiueable Cloth shall be made.

And for the better finding out of euery such deceiueable thing and things, mixed or put into, or vpon, or to bee mixed, or put into, or vpon any broad Woollen Cloth, or Clothes, contrary to the true meaning of this Law; Bee it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may bee lawfull, to, and for any the Ouerseer or Ouerseers, Searcher or Searchers of Cloth, of, or within the seuerall Parish or Parishes, or Towne or City where such deceiueable Cloth or Clothes shall bee made, or suspected to be made, from time to time, to enter into any the House or Houses, Shops, Mill or Milles, Chambers or other roomes of any Clothier, or person or persons suspected to haue made any such deceiueable broad woollen Cloth, to view, search, and see all or any their woollen Cloth or Clothes, and the mixture of their woolles for Clothes to be made; And also it shall bee lawfull for any two, or more Justices of the Peace within the County, or within the City, Borough, or Towne corporate, where such deceiueable Cloth shall be made, or suspected to be made, vpon Information or complaint of any of the said Ouerseer or Ouerseers, Searcher or Searchers, or any other, of their knowledge or suspition of any such offence, to grant their warrant, to call before them any person or persons whatsoeuer, that shall bee thought in their discretions fit to discouer any such offence, and to examine vpon oath,

such person or persons for the triall and better finding out of the offence aforesaid. And if upon such examinations it shall be found by testimony of two witnesses or more, or by the confession of the party or parties offending, that any such offence or offences have been committed, as aforesaid, then the party or parties that shall so confesse his or their said offence or offences, or who shall bee found to have offended, shall remaine convicted of such his or their offence or offences. And that then it shall and may bee lawfull for the said two Justices, to certifie such offence or offences unto the Churchwardens and Overseers (for the time being) of the poore of the Parish or Parishes, where such deceiveable Cloth or Clothes shall bee made, under the hands and seales of the said Justices.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That immediatly from and after such certificate shall bee delivered to any of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the poore of any Parish or Parishes, where such Offendor or Offendors shall dwell, and Warrant by them made to the sayd Overseers and Church-wardens, for the levying of the sayd forfeiture; It shall and may be lawfull to, and for the said Church-wardens and Overseers for the time being, or any of them, or for the Successor or Successors of them the said Church-wardens and Overseers, to levie the summe or summes of money, which by the said Certificate and Warrant, shall appeare to bee forfeited, by way of distresse, and sale of the offendours goods, rendring to the party so offending, the overplus which shall arise by the sale of such goods, more then the forfeiture for such offence or offences shall amount unto: And in defect of such distresse, it shall bee lawfull to, and for the sayd two Justices of Peace, to commit the party or parties, so certified to have offended, to the Common Gaole, there to remaine without Baile or Mainprise, untill payment shall bee made of the said summe or summes so forfeited, to the said Church-wardens and Overseers, or some or one of them, to the uses aforesayd, who shall yeerely bee accountable for such summe or summes so received, and levied at such times, and in such manner, as the sayd Church-wardens and Overseers are to account for other moneyes which they are to collect to the use of the poore, by force of an Acte of Parliament, made in the three and fortieth yeere of the Reigne of the late Queene Elizabeth. And that if any Action or Actions shall at any time or times hereafter, happen to be brought, or commenced against

against any person or persons, for taking of such Distresse or Distresses, or for, or about any matter, or thing concerning the same, That then it shall and may bee lawfull to, and for euery such person or persons, against whom such Action or actions shall bee brought or commenced, to plead the generall Issue, and to giue in Euidence; and to bee allowed double Costes, in euery respect and degree, as in, and by the Statute of the seuenth yeere of the Kings Maiesties Raigne of England that now is, Intituled, An Act for ease in pleading against troublesome and contentious Suites, prosecuted against Iustices of the Peace, Maiors, Constables, and certaine others his Maiesties Officers, for the lawfull execution of their office, is alreadie prouided and enacted.

And whereas diuers Clothiers bee, and are of late time much troubled and grieued by, and with seuerall Searchers, Aulnegers, and viewers of Clothes, who after that Clothes been Searched, Viewed and Sealed by the Searchers and Ouerseers of the seuerall Parish and Parishes, where such Cloth and Clothes beene made, and also by the Kings Aulneger of Cloth, or by his deputy, doe neuertheless for their owne gaine and lucre, renew or search againe the same Clothes, to the great trouble, disturbance and hinderance of the said Clothiers the losse of their Market, and sale of their Cloth, although towards the ende or conclusion of the sayde Act of the fourth yere of the Kings Maiesties Reigne of England that now is, aforesaid, it is mentioned, that after such Cloth is once lawfully searched, and lawfully sealed, the same bee not compelled to be further viewed, searched, measured or sealed;

Be it therefore likewise enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sayd Ouerseers and Searchers, authorized by the sayd last mentioned Statute, or by any former Act, to search, view and weigh any of the sayd Clothes, for the length, breadth and weight of the said Clothes, shall and may certifie the same by their Seales affixed to such Clothes, with the word Faulty thereon stamped (if there be cause) and that none of the sayd Clothes, beeing formerly searched, viewed, weighed and sealed by the said Ouerseers and Searchers of the Parish, Towne, or place where the said Clothes shall bee made, shall afterwards be viewed, searched, or weighed by any other person or persons, Officer or Officers whatsoeuer, contrary to the sayd Statute made in the sayd fourth yeere

of his Maieſties Reigne, vpon paine of forfeiture of fiue pounds to the partie grieued, who ſhall and may ſue for, and recouer the ſame by Bill, Plaint, or Information, at or in the generall Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the County, City, or Towne corporate, wherein ſuch offence ſhall be committed, wherein no Eſſoine, Protection, Priuiledge, or Wager of Law ſhall be allowed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the Authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That all and all manner Woollen Clothes, of what nature, kind or name ſoeuer they be, or ſhall be of, to bee wouen in any Citie, or Towne corporate, within the Realme of England or Dominion of Wales, from and after fourtie dayes, next after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhalbe ſearched, tryed, and ſealed by the ſeuerall and reſpectiue Ouerſeers of Cloth, appointed, or to be appointed, of, or for the Cities and Townes corporate, or of, or for ſome of the places or pariſhes in them, where the ſame Clothes ſhall be wouen, before ſuch Clothes ſhall be ſold, or offered to be ſold.

And be it further enacted by the Authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That from and after fourty dayes next after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, no Tentor, or Tentors for broad Clothes to be made within the County of Yorke to be ſold, ſhall haue, or ſhall or may be allowed any further chace or libertie, for or to bee vnder Barre of ſuch Tentor or Tentors, then onely halfe a quarter of a yard at the moſt: And that no Tentor or Tentors for narrow Clothes to be made within the ſaid County of Yorke, to bee ſold, ſhall haue, or ſhall or may be allowed any further chace or libertie for, or to the vnder Barre of ſuch Tentor or Tentors, then onely halfe of a halfe quarter of a yard at the moſt: And that the Ouerſeers and Searchers of Cloth, or any of them, appointed, or to be appointed within the ſeuerall and reſpectiue Pariſhes in the ſaid County of Yorke, ſhall vpon the penalties of their Recognizances taken, or to bee taken by vertue of the Statute made in the nine and thirtieth yeere of the Raigne of the late Queene Elizabeth, or of any other Statute, make due ſearch and view of the Tentors to be vſed in the aforeſaid County of Yorke: and if they or any of them ſhall happen to find any Tentor or Tentors, vſed contrary to the true meaning of this Act, that then they ſhall forthwith deface, or cauſe to be defaced ſuch Tentor or Tentors.

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And bee it further enacted, That if any perſon or perſons whoſe Tentor or Tentors hath been, or ſhall bee once defaced, ſhal eftſoones offend, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, that then ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending, ſhall for euery his or their offence, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, forfeite and loſe the Summe of forty ſhillings of good and lawfull money of England, to ſuch vſes and behooſes, and to be leuied and recouered, in ſuch manner and forme, and by ſuch meanes, to all intents and purpoſes, as before, in and by this preſent Act, it is limited, appointed and enacted for the Summe, or forfeiture of fiue pounds, to the vſe of the poore in this Act before mentioned.

And bee it further enacted by the Authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That euery Ouerſeer of Cloth, appointed by any former Law, now in force, to fixe vnto any kinde of Clothes a Seale of lead, ſhall from, and after forty dayes, next after the ende of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, vpon the penalty of their reſpective Recognizance taken, or to be taken, by vertue of the ſaid Statute, made in the nine and thirtieth yeere of the reigne of the ſaid Queene Elizabeth, or of any other Statute, engraue or ſet, or cauſe to bee engraued or ſet, in and vpon euery of their reſpective ſeales of lead, which they ſhall fixe vnto any Cloth, by them reſpectiuely to be ſealed, his, or their Chriſtian and Surname; and that no Cloth or Clothes to be ſealed with any ſeale of Lead, which ſhall want ſuch engrauing or print, as aforeſaid, ſhall be taken or allowed to bee ſufficiently ſealed, within the compaſſe of any former Law or Statute: And furthermore, whereas of late yeeres diuers ſubtill and naughty meanes and deuices haue beene inuented and practiſed for the preſſing of woollen Cloth of all ſorts, by heating of thicke boards or plankes, and laying the ſame vnder and aboue the Cloth, in the cold preſſe, and alſo by putting of thin, or ſeeling boards, and paſte-boards, being made very hotte, into the cuttles or plates of Clothes, and then preſently putting the ſame into a cold preſſe, and by diuers other cunning ſleights and inuentions; by which deceitfull practiſes and deuices the Chapmen or buyers of the woollen Cloth of this Kingdome are deceiued, and greatly wronged, and the woollen Cloth of this Kingdome it ſelfe is diſgraced, and held and reputed very deceitfull, to the great preiudice and ſcandall of the Cloth of this Kingdome; Bee it further enacted by the Authoritie of this

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present Parliament, That all and euery the pressing of any kind or sort of woollen Cloathes, by or with such subtill and deceitfull meanes as aforesaid, or by, or with any other the like subtill or deceitfull meanes or deuice, by or with any heate of fire, which shall bee vsed or practised at any time or times after the end of this present Session of Parliament, shall bee taken, and shall bee expounded and adiudged to bee pressing with a hot presse, and shall be punished and punishable with the like forfeitures, and in like sort, to all intents and purposes, as the pressing with the hot presse is punishable by any former Law or Statute.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, That all penalties and forfeitures for want of length, breadth, and weight of cloth or cloathes, limited by any former Acte now in force, or by this present Act, shall be distributed into three equall parts, whereof one third part shall bee vnto the sayde Ouerseers and Searchers, finding and certifying the sayde default of length, breadth, and weight, as aforesaid, to be recouered by them, at or in the generall quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County, City, or Towne corporate, where the offence therein shall happen to be done or committed, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no Essoyne, protection, priuiledge, or wager of Law shall bee allowed. And the other parts thereof shall be vnto the poore of the Parish where the said Cloth or Clothes shall bee made, to bee leuied by way of Distresse, and sale of the offendors goods, in default of sufficient distresse, rendring to the party the ouerplus by the Church-wardens and Ouerseers of the poore of euery such Parish, from time to time respectiuely, (which said Church-wardens and Ouerseers are in such manner to accompt for the same, as for any other summes which are by them to bee collected to the vse of the poore, by force of the sayd Statute made in the foresaid three and fortieth yeere of the Reigne of the said late Queene, are by them to be seuered, or accompted for.) The sayd former Acte, or any other Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: This Act to continue till the ende of the first Session of the next Parliament.

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¶ An Act for the further description of a Bankrupt, and relief of Creditors against such as shall become Bankrupts, and for inflicting corporall punishment vpon the Bankrupts in some speciall Cases.

CHAP. XIX.



FOrasmuch as dayly experience sheweth, that the number and multitude of Bankrupts doe increase more and more, and also the frauds and deceits inuented and practised for the auoyding and deluding the penalties of the good Lawes in that behalfe already made, and the remedie by them prouided. And for that diuers defects are dayly found in the former Statutes made against Bankrupts, both in the description of a Bankrupt, as also in the power giuen to the Commissioners for the discouery and distributing the Bankrupts estate, to the great discouragement of euill minded persons, the hinderance of traffique and commerce, the great decay, ouerthrow, and vndoing of many Clothiers, by whom many thousands of the naturall borne subiects of this Realme, doe from time to time in all parts of this Kingdome set on worke: All which do tend to the generall hurt of this Realme: For remedie whereof, bee it enacted by the Kings most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all and singuler the aforesaid Statutes and Lawes hereto-

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fore made against Bankrupts, and for relieſe of Creditors, ſhall bee in all things largely and beneficially conſtrued and expounded for the ayde, helpe, and relieſe of the Creditors of ſuch perſon or perſons as already bee, or hereafter ſhall become Bankrupt.

And that all and euery perſon and perſons liuing, or that ſhall vſe the trade of Merchandize, by way of bargaining, exchange, batteringe chiefeſtance, or otherwiſe in groſſe, or by retaile, or ſeeking his, or her liuing, by buying & ſelling, or that ſhall vſe the trade or profeſſion of a Scriuener, receiuing other mens moneys or eſtates into his truſt or cuſtody, who at any time after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhal either by himſelfe, or others by his procurement, obtaine any protection or protections, other then ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall bee lawfully protected by the priuiledge of Parliament, or ſhall preferre or exhibit vnto his Maieſty, his Heires or Succeſſors, or vnto any of the Kings Courts, any Petition or Petitions, Bill or Billes againſt his, or her Creditor or Creditors, or any of them, thereby deſiring or endeauouring to compell or enforce them, or any of them, to accept leſſe then their iuſt and principall debts, or to procure time, or longer dayes of payment, then was giuen at the time of their originall contracts, or being indebted to any perſon or perſons in the ſumme of one hundred pounds or more, ſhall not pay, or otherwiſe compound for the ſame, within ſixe moneths next after the ſame ſhall grow due, and the Debtor be arreſted for the ſame, or within ſixe moneths after an originall Writ ſued out to recouer the ſaid debt, and notice thereof giuen vnto him, or left in writting, at his, or their dwelling houſe, or laſt place of abood, or being arreſted for debt, ſhall after his or her arreſt, lie in priſon two moneths or more, vpon that, or any other arreſt or detention in Priſon for debt, or being arreſted for the ſumme of one hundred pounds or more, of iuſt debt or debts, ſhall at any time after ſuch arreſt, eſcape out of priſon, or procure his enlargement, by putting in common or hired Bayle, ſhall be accounted and adiudged a Bankrupt to all intents and purpoſes: And in the ſaid caſes of Arreſt, or lying in priſon for ſuch debt or debts, or getting forth by common or hired Bayle, from the time of his, or her ſayd firſt arreſt.

And bee it further enacted by the Authority of this preſent Parliament, That the like Commiſſions, Orders, Benefits,

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and Remedies, which are, and be prouided and limited by the said former Actes of Parliaments, made in the thirteenth yeere of the late Queene Elizabeth, and in the first yeere of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maiestie, against any Bankrupts in them, or either of them described, or for, or concerning his, her, or their Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, fees, annuities, offices, goods, chattels, wares, Merchandize and Debts, any of them, shall, and may bee had, pursued, taken, and expounded against such person and persons as are herein, and hereby declared, described, or expressed to be Bankrupts, and against his, her, and their lands, tenements, hereditaments, fees, annuities, offices, goods, chattels, wares, merchandize, and debts, in such manner and forme, as the same ought, and might haue been, if the persons herein declared, described, or expressed to bee Bankrupts, had been by the sayd Statutes, or either of them, described to bee Bankrupts, to all intents and purposes whatsoeuer.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the same orders, benefits and remedies, which are, and bee prouided and limited by this present Act, against any Bankerupts, in, or by this Act declared, described, or expressed to bee Bankerupts, or for, or concerning his, her, or their lands, tenements, hereditaments, fees, annuities, offices, goods, chattels, wares, merchandizes, and debts, or any of them, or the discouery of them, or any of them, shall from henceforth be had, pursued, taken and expounded against such person and persons, as are declared or expressed to bee Bankrupts, by the said former Acts of Parliaments, or either of them, and against his, her, and their Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Fees, Annuities, Offices, goods, chattels, wares, Merchandize, and Debts, in such maner and forme, as the same ought and might haue been, if the persons in the sayd former Statutes, or either of them described to bee Bankrupts, had been mentioned and described to be Bankrupts, in, and by this present Act.

And whereas by the former Lawes the Commissioners appointed, haue power to examine the Bankerupt himselfe, and such person or persons, as are suspected to haue, or detaine any of the estate, goods or chattels of the Bankerupts, but some doubt hath been made whether the Commissioners haue power to examine the wiues of the Bankrupts

rupts touching the same, by reason whereof the Bankrupts wiues doe dayly conceale, and conuey away, and cause to bee conueyed away much part of their husbands moneys, wares, goods, merchandize and other estate, to person or persons vnknowen to any, but such wiues: by reason whereof much of the Bankrupts estate is concealed, and detained from the Creditors.

For clearing therefore the said doubt, and auoyding the inconueniences aforesaid, Bee it declared and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That after such time, as any person shall by the sayd Commissioners, executing the said Commission, or the greater part of them, bee lawfully adiudged or declared to bee a Bankrupt, the sayd Commissioners executing such Commission, shall haue power and authority to examine vpon oath, the wife and wiues of all, and euery such Bankrupt, for the finding out, and discouery of the estate, and estates, goods, and chattels of such Bankrupt, or Bankrupts, concealed, kept or disposed of, by such wife or wiues, in their owne persons, or by their owne acte or meanes, or by any other person, or persons. And that shee and they, the said wife, and wiues shall incurre such danger and penalty for not comming before the said Commissioners, or for refusing to be sworne and examined, or for not discloling the trueth vpon her, or their examination, or examinations, as in, and by the sayd former Lawes, or either of them is already made, and prouided against any other person, or persons in like cases.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any Bankrupt shall vpon his, or her examination, or examinations to bee taken before the said Commissioners, executing the sayd Commission, bee found fraudulently, or deceitfully to haue conueyed away his, or her Goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements, Offices, Fees, Rents or Annuities, or other Estate, or any part thereof, to the value of twenty pounds or aboue, to the end and purpose to hinder the execution of this Statute, or of any other the aforesaid Statutes, or thereby to defraud, delay, or hinder his or her Creditors of the same, and shall not vpon his or her examination, discouer vnto the sayd Commissioners, and (if it lie in his or her power) deliuer vnto the sayd Commissioners, all that estate, Goods and Chattels, so fraudulently, and deceitfully conueyed away, as aforesaid, or by him or her, his or her meanes, kept or deteined from the said Commissioners, or that cannot

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make it appeare vnto the said Commissioners, that he or she hath sustained some casuall losse, whereby he or she is disabled to pay, what he or shee then owed; Shall or may be indicted for such fraud or abuse, at the Assises or generall Sessions, to bee holden before the Iudges of Assise, or Iustices of the Peace of the Countie or place, where he or shee shall become Bankrupt: And if vpon such Indictment or Indictments, the Bankrupt bee thereof conuicted, he or shee so conuicted, shall bee set vpon the Pillorie in some publique place, for the space of two houres, and haue one of his or her eares nayled to the Pillorie, and cut off.

And for that some doubt is conceiued, whether the Commissioners in case of resistance, haue power by the former Lawes, to breake open, or cause to be broken open, the House or Houses of such Bankrupts, which if they haue not, the remedies by the former Lawes giuen, will bee to little effect: Be it therefore enacted, That in execution of the sayde Commission, it shalbe lawfull, to, and for the sayd Commissioners, or the greater part of them, or any other person or persons, Officer, or Officers, by them, or the greater part of them, to bee deputed and appointed by their Warrant or Warrants, vnder their hands and Seales, to breake open the House or Houses, Chambers, Shops, Warehouses, Boores, Trunkes or Chests of the said Bankrupt, where the sayd Bankrupt, or any of his or her Goods or Estate, shall bee, or reputed to bee, and to seize vpon, and order the Body, Goods, Chattels, ready Money, and other Estate of such Bankrupt, as by the said former Lawes are limited and appointed, whether it bee by imprisonment of his or her body, or otherwise, as to the said Commissioners or the greater part of them, shall bee thought meete.

And for the better diuision, and distribution of the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, & other Estate of such Bankrupt, to, & amongst his or her Creditors, Be it enacted that the Commissioners, or the greatest part of them, shall, and may examine vpon oath, or by any other wayes or meanes, as to them shall seeme meete, any person or persons for the finding out, and discouery of the trueth, & certainty of the seuerall debts due, and owing, to all such Creditor & Creditors, as shall seeke relieFe by such course of Commission to be sued forth, as aforesaid: And that all and euery Creditor and Creditours, hauing security for his, or their seuerall

Debts, by Judgement, Statute, Recognizance, Specialtie with penaltie or without penaltie, or other securitie, or hauing no securitie, or hauing made Attachment in London, or any other place, by vertue of any custome there vsed, of the Goods and Chattels of any such Bankerupt, whereof there is no Execution or Extent serued and executed, vpon any the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, and other estate of such Bankerupts, before such time, as he, or she, shall, or doe become Bankerupt, shall not bee relieued vpon any such Judgement, Statute, Recognizance, Specialty, Attachments, or other Securitie, for any more then a ratable part of their iust and due debts, with the other Creditours of the said Bankerupt, without respect to any such penaltie, or greater summe contained in any such Judgement, Statute, Recognizance, Specialtie, with Penalty, Attachment or other Securitie.

And be it further enacted, that if it shall happen, any the Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Debts, or other estate of any Bankrupt, to be extended, after such time as hee, or she is become a Bankrupt, by any person or persons, vnder colour or pretence, of his or their being an Accomptant, or any way indebted vnto our Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maiestie, his heires, or Successours, that then it shall bee lawfull, to, and for the said Commissioners, to examine vpon oath, whether the said Debt were due to such Debtor or Accomptant, vpon any bargaine or contract originally made, betwixt such Accomptant, and the said Bankrupt, the said Debtor or Accomptant, and his, or their seruants: And if such bargaine or contract was originally made, to, and with any other person, or persons, then the said Debtor or Accomptant, or for the vse and trust of any other person or persons, then it shall, and may be lawfull, to and for the said Commissioners, or the greater part of them, to order and dispose of all such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, and Debts so extended, as aforesaid, to, and for the vse of the Creditors, which shall seeke relefe by the sayd Commission; And that the order and disposition of the said Commissioners, or the greater part of them, shall be good and auaileable against the said extent, and against all persons claiming, from, by, or vnder the said extent; And that such person and persons, to whom the said Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels so extended, shall bee bargained, sould,

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granted, or assigned by the Commissioners aforesaid, or the greater part of them, shall haue good remedie to haue, demande, and recouer the same, against such person, and persons, who shall detaine the same: And for that it often falls out, that many persons before they become Bankrupts, doe conuey their goods to other men, vpon good consideration, yet still doe keepe the same, and are reputed the owners thereof, and dispose the same as their owne:

Be it enacted, that if at any time hereafter, any person or persons shall become Bankrupt, and at such time as they shall so become Bankrupt, shall by the consent and permission of the true owner, and proprietarie, haue in their possession, order, and disposition, any Goods, or Chattels, whereof they shall bee reputed owners, and take vpon them the sale, alteration, or disposition, as owners, that in euery such case, the said Commissioners, or the greater part of them, shall haue power to sell and dispose the same, to, and for the benefit of the Creditors, which shall seeke relefe by the said Commission, as fully as any other part of the estate of the Bankrupt: And for the better payment of Debts, and discouraging men to become Bankrupts;

Be it further enacted, that the said Commissioners, or the greater number of them, shall haue power by vertue of this Acte, by deede indented, and enrolled within fiue moneths after the making thereof, in some of his Maiesties Courts of Record at Westminster, to grant, bargaine, sell and conuey any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, whereof any Bankrupt is, or shall be in any wayes seized of any estate, in tayle, in possession, reuersion, or remainder, and whereof no reuersion, or remainder is, or shall bee in the Kings Maiestie, his Heires, or Successours, of the gift or prouision of his Maiestie, his Progenitours, his heires, or Successours, to any person or persons, for the relefe, and benefite of the Creditors of all such Bankrupts; And that all and euery such Grants, Bargaines, Sales, and Conueyances shall be good and auaileable in the Law, to such person, or persons, and their heires, against the said Bankrupts, and against all and euery the Issues of the body of such Bankrupts, and against all, and euery person and persons, claiming any estate, right, title, or interest, by, from, or vnder the said Bankrupts, after such time, as such person shall become Bankrupt, and against all and euery other person and per-

sons whatsoeuer, whom the said Bankrupt by common recouery, or other wayes, or meanes might cut off, or debarre from any remainder, reuertion, rent, profite, title, or possibilitie, into, or out of any the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments.

And be it further enacted, That if any person that now is, or hereafter shall become Bankrupt, haue heretofore granted, conueied, or assured, or shall at any time hereafter, grant, conuey, or assure any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, or other estate, vnto any person or persons, vpon condition, or power of redemption, at a day to come, by payment of money, or otherwise, That it shall, and may be lawfull, to, and for the said Commissioners, or the greater part of them, before the time of the performance of such condition, to assigne and appoint, vnder their hands and seales, such person or persons, as they shall thinke fit, to make tender or payment of money, or other performance, according to the nature of such condition, as fully as the Bankrupt might haue done; And that the saide Commissioners, or the greater part of them, shall after such tender, payment, or performance, haue power to sell, and dispose of such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, and other estates so granted, conueied, or assured vpon condition, to, and for the benefit of the Creditors, as fully, as they may sell or dispose of any the estate of the Bankrupt.

Prouided further, that no Purchasor, for good and valuable consideration, shall be impeached by vertue of this Acte, or any other Acte heretofore made against Bankrupts, vnlesse the Commission to proue him, or her a Bankrupt, bee sued forth against such Bankrupt within fiue yeeres after, hee, or shee shall become a Bankrupt.

Prouided further, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that this Act, and all other Acts of Parliament, heretofore made against Bankrupts, shall extende to strangers borne, as well Aliens, as Denizens, as effectually, as to the naturall borne Subiects, both to make them subiect to the Lawes as Bankrupts, as also to make them capable of the benefite of contribution, as Creditors by those Lawes.

¶ An

An Acte to preuent and reforme prophane Swearing and Curſing.

CHAP. XX.

Forasmuch as all prophane Swearing and Curſing is forbidden by the word of God: Be it therefore enacted by the Authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon or perſons ſhall from henceforth prophanely ſweare or curſe: And that, if any perſon or perſons ſhall at any time or times hereafter offend herein, either in the hearing of any Juſtice of Peace of the Countie, or of any Mayor, Juſtice of Peace, Bayliffe, or head Officer of any City, or Towne corporate, where ſuch offence is, or ſhall be committed, or ſhall thereof be conuicted by the oathes of two witneſſes, or by confeſſion of the partie, before any ſuch Juſtice of Peace of the Countie, or head Officer or Juſtice of the Peace in the City or Towne corporate where ſuch offence is, or ſhall be committed; To which end euery Juſtice of Peace, and euery ſuch head Officer ſhall haue power by this Acte to miniſter the ſame oath: That then euery ſuch offender ſhall for euery time ſo offending, forfeit and pay to the vſe of the poore of that Pariſh, where the ſame offence is, or ſhall be committed, the ſumme of twelue pence. And it ſhall alſo be lawfull for the Conſtable, Churchwardens, and Ouerſeers of the poore of that Pariſh, by Warrant from ſuch Juſtice of Peace, or head Officer, to leuie the ſame ſumme and ſummes of money, by diſtreſſe, and ſale of the offendors goods, rendring to the partie the ouerplus. And in defect of ſuch diſtreſſe, the offendor, if hee or ſhee be aboue the age of twelue yeeres, ſhall by Warrant from ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, or head Officer, be ſet in the Stockes by three

whole houres; But if the offendor be vnder the age of twelue yeeres, and shall not forthwith pay the said summe of twelue pence, Then he or shee, by warrant of such Iustice of Peace, or head Officer, shall be whipped by the Constable, or by the parent or master in his presence.

And be it further enacted, That if any such offendor shall commence any Suit in Law against any Officer or other, for such distreining, sale of goods, whipping, or setting in the Stockes, the Defendant or Defendants may plead the generall Issue, and giue the speciall matter in euidence to the Iury at the Triall. And if it be found against the Plaintiffe, or that the Plaintiffe be non-suit, the Defendant or Defendants shall be allowed good Costs, to be taxed by the Court.

Prouided neuertheless, That euery offence against this Law, shall be complained of, and prooued, as aboue said, within twentie dayes after the offence committed.

And it is also enacted, that this Acte shall be read in euery Parish Church by the Minister thereof, vpon the Sunday after Euening prayer twice in the yeere.

Prouided that this Acte shall continue vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, and no longer.

Mondum hoc in hoc volumine legum ac statut.
17. Martij. a°. 3. Caroli Regis. exp. 4.
Hoc Actum is prorogatum vsque hoc diem
hoc primo Sessionum proximi hoc volumin.

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An Acte concerning Hostlers or Inholders.

CHAP. XXI.



BE it enacted by the Authoritie of this present Parliament, that one Statute made in the seuen and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third, made for the great dearth that then was in many places of the Realme, of Poultry, and concerning the prices of Poultry, And so much of one Statute made in the thirteenth yeere of the Reigne of King Richard the second, as prouideth, that no Hostler make horsebread in his Hostery, nor without, and that the Assize thereof shall be kept, and that the weight be reasonable, after the prices of the corne in their Markets, & that the same Hostlers shall sell Hay and Oates, after a reasonable price, so that they take but one halfepeny ouer the common price in the Market; And so much of one Statute made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of the late King, Henry the fourth, as doeth concerne the putting in execution of the part of the Statute, made in the thirteenth yeere of the Reigne of King Richard the second, that is before specified; And one Statute made in the two and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of King Henry the eight, titled, An Acte concerning baking of Horsebread, be from henceforth repealed, made void, and of none effect. And be it further enacted, That no Hostler or Inneholder, shall at any time, after the end of this present Session of Parliament, make horsebread in his Hostery, nor without, but Bakers shall make it, and the assize shalbe kept, and that the weight be reasonable, after the price of the Corne and Graine in the Markets adioyning, and the Hostlers or Inneholders shall sell their Horsebread and their Hay, Oats, Beanes,

Beanes, Peale, Prouander, and also all kinde of Victuall, both for man and beast, for reasonable gaine, hauing respect to the prices, for which they shall be solde in the Markets adioyning, without taking any thing for Litter.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That from henceforth it may and shall be lawfull for euery Hostler and Inne-keeper, dwelling in any Towne or Village, being a throughfare, or a common passage within this Realme, and being no Citie, Towne corporate, or Market towne, wherein any common Baker, exercising the occupation of Baking, & that hath beene apprentice at the said occupation by the space of seuen yeeres, is dwelling, To make within his house Horsebread, sufficient, lawfull, and of due assize, according as the price of Graine and Corne now is, and hereafter shall be from time to time, Any thing herein contained to the contrary not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, That if the horsebread which any of the said Hostlers or Inneholders shall make, be not sufficient, lawfull, and of due assize, according to the price of Graines and Corne, as is abouesaid; Or that if any of them shall offend in any thing contrary to this Acte, then the Justices of Assise, Justices of Oyer and Terminer, Justices of the Peace in euery Shire, Libertie, or Franchise within this Realme, Shiriffes in their turnes, and Stewards in their Leets and Law dayes, shall haue full power and authority to enquire, heare, and determine the said defaults and offences of the said Hostlers and Inneholders, hereafter to be committed against the forme of this present Statute. And the Hostler or Inneholder for the first offence, shall be fined according to the quantitie of the offence; And if being once conuicted, he shall againe offend, for the second offence he shall be imprisoned for the space of one moneth, without Baile or Mainepryse; And if hee shall a third time offend, being thereof conuicted, he shall stand vpon the pillory, without being redeemed for money; And if he shall offend after the Judgement of the pillory giuen, he shall be fore-iudged for keeping any Inne againe.

¶ An

An Acte for the explanation of the Statutes made in the third, fourth, and fifth yeeres of king EDVVARD *the sixt, concerning* the Traders of Butter *and Cheese.*

CHAP. XXII.

WHereas in a Parliament holden at Westminster, in the third and fourth yeeres of the Reigne of the most excellent Prince of happy memorie, King Edward the sixt, It was enacted, That no person or persons after the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lady, then next comming, should buy to sell againe any Butter or Cheese, unlesse hee or they sold the same againe by retayle in open shop, Faire, or market, and not in grosse, upon paine of forfeiture of double the value of the same Butter and Cheese so sold, contrary to the tenor of the said Acte:

In, and by which Acte it is prouided and enacted, That the sayd word of Retaile mentioned in the said Acte, should be expounded, declared, and taken onely, where a Wey of Cheese, or a Barrell of Butter, or a lesse quantitie, and not aboue, should be sold at one time, to any person or persons in open shop, Faire or market; and that to bee done without fraude or couin:

And whereas also, by one other Acte made in a Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fifth yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late King, It was enacted, (amongst other things) That whatsoeuer person or persons should engrosse,

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or get into his hands any Butter or Cheese within the Realm of England, to the intent to sell the same againe, should bee accepted, reputed and taken to bee an vnlawfull Ingroller, and should lose and forfeit the value of the sayd goods: In which Acte there is no Proviso for Retaylers at all; By occasion whereof, the Traders for Butter and Cheese for the City of London, are continually vexed and molested by common Informers, sometimes vpon the one Statute, and sometimes vpon the other, to their great losse and charge:

Now, for that by daily experience it is found, That the Traders of Butter and Cheese for the City of London, which fetch and prouide the sayd Butter and Cheese out of diuers Counties, vpon their great trauell, charge, and aduenture for prouision of the sayd City, and of others thereunto resorting, and there sell the same in their shops in open market; not onely for the generall vse and seruice of the sayd City, and the Countreys adioyning; but also for any occasion which may bee offered, for the better expedition of his Maiesties seruice; As also for victualling of Ships which daily are victualled from this part of London, which possibly cannot be performed by the small quantities aforesayd, and according to the sayd Statute:

And whereas the common Informers finding, that the letter of the sayd Statute extendeth against such, as doe sell aboue the quantity of a Wey of Cheese, or of a Barrell of Butter at one time, though it be in open Shop, Faire, or Market; and that in the other Acte, no Proviso at all is made, as aforesaid, for Retaylers; haue of late yeeres much troubled the Traders of Butter and Cheese within the City of London, with many Informations, aswell vpon the one Statute, as the other, and haue gotten seuerall summes of money for composition of them, albeit they then were and are men that haue bin Apprentices, trained vp in the said Trade, and haue no other liuing or trade of life, to their great hinderance and impouerishment:

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, That the sayd Actes, or any of them, or any other Statute, Lawe, Ordinance, or other prouision whatsoeuer heretofore, for, or concerning the sale of Butter and Cheese in open Shop, Faire, or Market, or the prouiding or buying of any Butter or Cheese, shall not in any wise extend to any person or persons, beeing Cheesemongers, or

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Tallow-chandlers, free of the sayd Citie, and hauing beene brought vp as apprentices by the space of seuen yeeres, trading in Butter and Cheese, for such Butter and Cheese, or either of them, as hee, or they shall vtter and sell within London and the Liberties thereof, or within the Borough of Southwarke, or the Citie of Westminster, for the victualling of any of the Shipping of his Maiesties, his Heires, or Successors, or for the ships of any other his Maiesties subiects, or to such Butter or Cheese which hee, or they shall sell by any quantities at one time, and to one person, not exceeding foure Wey of Cheese, or foure Barrels of Butter, without fraud or couin; So as he, or they sell the same in open Shop, Faire, or Market, Any thing in the sayd Acts and Statutes, or any of them to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, and beeit enacted by the authority aforesayd, That if the Iustices of the Peace, of any of the Counties of this Realme of England, or the Dominion of Wales, at their quarter Sessions of any of the sayd Counties, shall declare and publish in open Sessions; That the Traders aforesayd in Butter and Cheese, shall forbeare to buy any Butter or Cheese, for any time within the sayd Countie or Counties, or within any parts or places of the same, That then for, and during the time of such restraint, the sayd Traders in Butter and Cheese, that shall buy any such Butter or Cheese, and sell the same againe by retayle, contrary to any the Acts aforesayd, shall not be freed, of, or from any the penalties of the sayd Actes, but shall bee subiect to the same, as if this Acte had neuer beene made; This Act to continue vnto the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

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An Acte for auoiding of vexations and delayes, caused by remouing Actions and Suits out *of inferiour Courts.*

CHAP. XXIII.

WHereas there now are, & long time haue been diuers Courts of Record in diuers Cities, Liberties, Townes corporate, and elsewhere, some of them beeing farre remote from Westminster, others from the Court of grand Sessions in Wales, which were principally ordeined for the ease & quiet of such as should haue occasion to sue there for debts, dueties and wrongs, so that they might with small expences, receiue iustice according to the merits of their causes, in those inferiour Courts, without being compelled to trauell to Westminster, or the Court of the great Sessions in Wales: But of late diuers of his Maiesties louing Subiects, hauing for iust and true Debts, and other good and lawfull causes, commenced Suits in such inferiour Courts, and prosecuted their Actions and Suits many times ready for tryall, and the same causes being for the most part but of small value, haue beene remooued into some of his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, or the Court of the great Sessions in Wales, and being remanded by Procedendo, into the same inferiour Courts, where the Action or Suit was first commenced, the same haue beene againe often times remooued into the same, or other of his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, or Court of the great Sessions in Wales, to the intolerable delay of Iustice, and great expences of money

ney, and losse and trouble to those, which iustly and honestly by such Actions and Suits, haue sought onely to recouer or get satisfaction for Debts, dueties or wrongs owing, due or done vnto them:

For remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and by the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, That no Writ or Writs of Habeas corpus, Certiorari, or any other Writ or Writs, Processe or Processes whatsoeuer, other then Writs of Error, or attaint, to bee sued forth after the end of this present Session of Parliament, by any person or persons whatsoeuer, out of, or from any of his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, or the Court of the great Sessions in Wales, or out of any other Court or Courts, hauing, or pretending to haue power, to award such Writs or Processes, to stay or remoone any Action, Bill, Plaint, Suite, or Cause brought, commenced, or depending, or hereafter to bee brought, commenced, or depending in any Court or Courts of Record, within any Citie, Libertie, Towne corporate, or elsewhere, which haue, or shall haue Iurisdiction, power or authoritie, to hold Plea in that Action, Bill, Plaint, Suite or Cause: The same cause of Action, Bill, Plaint or Suit arising, or growing within the said Citie, Libertie, Towne corporate, or Iurisdiction, shall after the end of this present Session of Parliament, bee receiued, or allowed by the Steward or Stewards, Iudge or Iudges, or Officer or Officers of the Court or Courts, wherein, or to whom any such Writ or Writs shall be directed and deliuered: but that hee and they shall and may proceed in the said cause or causes, as though no such Writ or Writs were sued forth or deliuered to him or them, except that the said Writ or Writs bee deliuered to the Steward or Stewards, Iudge or Iudges, Officer or Officers of the said Court, before Issue or Demurrer ioyned in the said cause or causes so depending, or to be depending in any such Court of Record, in any Citie, Libertie, Towne corporate, or elsewhere, hauing power to hold such Plea, so as the said Issue or Demurrer bee not ioyned within fiue weekes next after the Arrest or apparence of the Defendant or Defendants to such Action or Suit commenced.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any such Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Cause, which is, or

shall hereafter bee brought, commenced, or depending in any such Court of Record, in any Citie, Liberty, Towne corporate, or elsewhere, shall after the end of this present Session of Parliament, bee removed or stayed by any such Writ or Writs, Processe or Processes, to be sued forth, or out of any of his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, or the Court of the great Sessions in Wales, or any other Court, as aforesayd, that if afterwards the same Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Cause shall be remanded or sent backe againe by any Writ or Writs of Procedendo, or other Writ whatsoever, that then the same Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Cause, shall neuer afterwards be removed or stayed before Judgement, by any Writ or Writs whatsoeuer, to bee sued forth, or out of any of his Maiesties said Courts at Westminster, or the said Court of great Sessions of Wales, or any other Court, as aforesaid, Any Law, Statute, Custome, Usage, or restraint to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, That if in any Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Cause, not concerning Free-hold or Inheritance, or title of Land, Lease, or Rent, which shall bee brought, commenced, or depending in any such Court of Record, or any Citie, Liberty, Towne corporate, or elsewhere, if it shall appeare, or bee layd in the Declaration, that the Debt, Dammages, or things demanded, doeth, or shall not amount to, or exceede the Summe of Fiue pounds, That then such Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit or Cause shall not bee stayed, nor removed into any of his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, or other Court, as aforesaid, by any Writ or Writs whatsoeuer, to bee sued or prosecuted forth, or out of his Maiesties said Courts at Westminster, or other Courts, as aforesaid, other then Writs of Error or Attaint; Any Law, Statute, Usage, Custome, or restraint to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That if any Writ or Writs whatsoeuer, shall be after the end of this present Session of Parliament granted, or sued forth, or out of any of his Maiesties said Courts at Westminster, or Court of the great Sessions in Wales, or other Court, contrary to the intent and meaning of this present Act, that then it shall, and may be lawfull to, and for the Judge or Iudges, and Officer or Officers, to whom such Writ or Writs shall be directed or deliuered, to disallow and refuse the same, and to proceede

ceed, as if no such Writt or Writs had beene granted or sued out, or foorth, as aforesaid, Any Law, Statute, Usage, Custome, or Restraint to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this Acte shall extend onely to such Courts of Record, in Cities, Liberties, Townes corporate, and elsewhere, and for so long time onely, as there is or shall be an Utter-Barrister of three yeeres standing at the Barre, of one of the foure Innes of Court, that is or shall be Steward, Under-Steward, or Deputie Steward, Towne-Clerke, or Judge, or Recorder of the same inferiour Court, or that is, or shall be from time to time Assistant to such Judge or Judges of such inferiour Courts, as shall not be Utter-Barristers of such standing, as is aforesaid, and there present; in which such Actions, Billes, Plaints, Suits or Causes, is or shall be brought, commenced, or depending, and not of Counsell in any Action, Suit, or cause then depending in the same Inferiour Court, Any thing in this present Acte, or any Law, or other Statute, Usage, Custome, or Restraint to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided, that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Action, Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Cause, wherein any such Forreine, or other Plea shall be pleaded, as could not be tryed or determined within the Jurisdiction of such inferiour Courts.

An Acte for Reliefe of Creditors againſt ſuch perſons as die in Execution.

CHAP. XXIIII.



Forasmuch as heretofore it hath beene much doubted and queſtioned, if any perſon being in Priſon, and charged in Execution, by reaſon of any Judgement giuen againſt him, ſhould afterwards happen to die in Execution, whether the party, at whoſe Suit, or to whom ſuch Perſon ſtood charged in Execution, at the time of his death, bee for euer after concluded and barred to haue Execution of the Lands, and Goods of ſuch perſon ſo dying:

And forasmuch as dayly experience doeth manifeſt, that diuers perſons of ſufficiencie, in Reall and Perſonall Eſtate, minding to deceiue others of their iuſt debte, for which they ſtood charged in Execution, haue obſtinately and wilfully choſen rather to liue and dye in Priſon, then to make any ſatisfaction according to their abilities: To preuent which deceipt, and for the auoyding of ſuch doubts and queſtions hereafter, Be it declared, explained and enacted by the Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authority of the ſame, That from, and after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, the party or parties, at whoſe Suite, or to whom any perſon ſhall ſtand charged in Execution, for any Debt or Dammage recouered, his, or their Executors, or Adminiſtrators, may after the death of the ſaid perſon ſo charged, and dying in Execution

on lawfully sue forth, and haue new Execution against the Lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels, or any of them, of the person so deceased, in such manner and forme to all intents and purposes, as hee or they, or any of them might haue had by the Lawes & Statutes of this Realme, if such person so deceased had neuer beene taken, or charged in Execution.

Prouided alwaies, and be it declared and enacted, that this Acte shall not extend to giue liberty to any person or persons, their executors, or administrators, at whose Suite, or suites, any such partie shall be in Execution, and dye in Execution, to haue, or take any newe Execution against any the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of such party so dying in Execution, which shall at any time, after the said Iudgement, or Iudgements, bee by him sold Bona fide, for the payment of any his Creditors, And the money which shall bee payd for the Lands so sold, either paid, or secured to bee payd to any of his Creditors, with their priuity and consent, in discharge of his, or their due Debts, or of some part thereof; Any thing before in this Acte to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

An Acte for the relieffe of Patentees, Tenants, and Farmors of Crowne Lands, and Duchie Lands, or *of Lands within the Suruey of the Court of* Wards and Liueries, in cases of Forfeiture *for not payment of their Rents, or other seruice or duties.*

CHAP. XXV.



Forasmuch as the Kings Maiestie, out of his gracious dispositions, and euer hath beene auerse from taking any aduantage, howsoeuer lawfull and iust, against any of his subiects, growing by any Forfeiture, breach of condition, or strict interpretation of his Highnesse Graunts, or Letters Patents, or the Grants or Letters Patents of any of his Royall Predecessors, of any Manours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; & yet the Grantees or Patentees deriuing their Estates, by, or from his Maiestie, or his Predecessors, haue beene too apt and ready to exact the aduantage of such Forfeiture, where his Maiestie himselfe, or his Predecessors haue not required the same, which hath beene euer held an vnequall and extreme course, and hath many times beene relieued by suites in Courts of equity, though with the great charge and trouble of the parties endangered thereby:

For remedy whereof, aswell where the King, or any of his Predecessors or Successors hath graunted, or shall graunt the sayd Manours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments,

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or any part thereof, or the reuersion, or any part thereof, to any other, as where the reuersion, remainder, or estate thereof, is, or shall be in the Kings Maiestie, or his Successors, in the right of the Crowne of England, or Duchie of Lancaster, or otherwise: his Maiestie of his abundant grace towardes his louing subiects, is graciously pleased, that it bee enacted, and be it enacted by the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by, and with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, hauing, holding, or possessing, or which hereafter shall haue, hold, or possesse any Manours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by vertue or colour of any originall Graunt, or Lease, or Assignement of the same, made by the Kings Maiestie, or any of his Predecessors, or to be made by any of his Successors, for any number of yeeres, for life, or liues, in fee-tayle, or fee-simple, or other estate, whereupon any rent, seruice, or other dutie, hath beene, is, or shall be reserued, or payable with, or vnder any condition or limitation of Re-entry, Cesser, or to be voyd for default of payment of such rent, or performance of such seruice or dutie, heretofore hath made, or any other by, from, or vnder whom he claymeth hath made, or any which hereafter shall haue, hold, or possesse, shall make any default therein, and yet after such default made, such rent, seruice, or other duty hath beene, or shall be answered, payed, or done vnto his Maiestie, or any of his Predecessors or Successors, into his, or their Receipt of the Exchequer, or Duchie of Lancaster, or Court of Wards, or to any other, hauing authoritie to receiue the same, as the case shall require, before any aduantage of such forfeiture, or cause of forfeiture hath beene, or shall be taken, and before any Commission awarded to enquire, or other Processe sued touching the sayd forfeiture, or non-payment of Rent: That in all such cases, no aduantage shall bee taken by his Maiestie, his Heires, or Successors, of, for, or by reason of any such forfeiture, or cause of forfeiture.

And be it further enacted, That no person or persons clayming, or which afterwards shall claime, by from, or vnder his Maiestie, or any of his Predecessors, or Successors, at any time after such cause or title of forfeiture giuen, shall in any wise, haue or take any benefite or aduantage, by reason, meanes, or colour of such default made, or to bee made, but

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that euery ſuch eſtate ſo forfeited, or forfeitable by meanes or occaſion of ſuch default of payment of rent, or performance of ſeruice, or other duty, ſhall be adiudged to conteine and haue his being, as if no ſuch default or cauſe of forfeiture had been had or made, Any Lawe, Cuſtome, or Vſage to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

An Acte againſt ſuch as ſhall leuy any Fine, ſuffer any Recouery, Knowledge any Statute, Recognizance, *Bayle or Iudgement*, in the name of any other perſon or perſons, not being priuie and conſenting thereto.

CHAP. XXVI.

WHereas it is of late growen to bee a great and generall griefuance to his Maieſties Subiects within the realme of England, and the Dominion of Wales, that many lewd perſons of baſe condition, for very little reward or recompence, haue of late yeres vſed, and ſtill doe vſe to leuie Fines, and ſuffer Recoueries of Lands, and other Hereditaments, to knowledge Statutes, Recognizances, Bayles and Iudgements, in the name or names of any other perſon or perſons, not priuie or conſenting to the ſame, which hath, and dayly doeth turne to the great Inquietation, Charge, Trouble, and vndoing of many of the good Subiects of this Kingdome: And the rather, for that there is no remedie in Law, to reforme theſe and the like abuſes:

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For remedie whereof, Be it enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, That all and euery person and persons, which at any time after the end of this present Session of Parliament, shall acknowledge, or procure to bee acknowledged, any Fine or Fines, Recouery or Recoueries, Weede or Weeds inrolled, Statute or Statutes, Recognizance or Recognizances, Bayle or Bayles, Iudgement or Iudgements, in the name or names of any other person or persons, not priuie and consenting to the same, and being thereof lawfully conuicted, or attainted, shall be adiudged, esteemed and taken to bee Felons, and suffer the paines of death, and incurre such forfeitures and penalties, as Felons, in other cases conuicted or attainted, doe by the Lawes of England lose and forfeite, without the benefite, or priuiledge of Clergie to bee allowed to any such offender or offenders. Prouided alwayes, That such attaindor shall not bee any corruption of Blood, nor losse of Dower to the Wife, but the next Heire shall haue the Lands, whereof such persons attainted died seised, and such Wife her Dower, as if no such Attaindor had been had.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it likewise enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That this Acte shall not extend to any Iudgement or Iudgements, acknowledged by any Attourney or Attourneys of Record, for any person or persons, against whom any such Iudgement or Iudgements shall bee had or giuen.

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An Acte to preuent the destroying and murthering of Bastard Children.

CHAP. XXVII.



Hereas many lewde women that haue beene deliuered of Bastard Children, to auoyd their shame, and to escape punishment, doe secretly bury, or conceale the death of their Children, and after, if the Childe bee found dead, the sayd women doe alleadge, that the said Childe was borne dead, whereas it falleth out sometimes (although hardly it is to bee prooued) that the said Childe, or Children, were murthered by the said Women, their lewde Mothers, or by their assent, or procurement:

For the preuenting therefore of this great mischiefe, bee it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That if any woman, after one moneth next ensuing the end of this Session of Parliament, be deliuered of any Issue of her body, Male or Female, which beeing borne aliue, should by the Lawes of this Realme be a Bastard, and that shee endeauour priuately, either by drowning, or secret burying therof, or any other way, either by her selfe, or the procuring of others so to conceale the death thereof, as that it may not come to light, whether it were borne aliue, or not, but be concealed; In euery such case, the sayd Mother so offending shall suffer death, as in case of murther, except such Mother can make proofe, by one witnesse at the least, that the Childe (whose death was by her so intended to be concealed) was borne dead: And this Act to continue vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

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¶ An Acte for continuing, and reuiuing of diuers Statutes, and Repeale of diuers *others.*

CHAP. XXVIII.

BE it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that one Act made in the one and twentieth yeere of the reigne of the late King Henry the eight, entituled, An Act for true making of Cables, Hallers, and Ropes, & An Act made in the foure and twentieth yeere of the reigne of the said King Henry the eight, entituled, An Acte against killing of young Beasts, called Weanlings, and two Actes made in the Parliament holden at Westminster, by Prorogation the fourth day of Nouember, and continued vntill the first day of February next after, in the third and fourth yeeres, of the reigne of the late King Edward the first, the one entituled, An Act for the buying and selling of Rother beasts and cattell, the other, entituled, An Act for the buying, & selling of Butter and Cheese, and one Act made in the first yeere of the reigne of the late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Acte for the preseruation of Spawne, and frie of Fish; and An Act made in the fifth yeere of the Reigne of the sayde late Queene ELIZABETH, entituled, An Acte for auoyding diuers forreine Wares, made by Handicrafts men beyond the Seas: And so much of one Act made in the sayd fifth yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Acte touching certaine politique Constitutions, made for the maintenance of the Nauie, as is not repealed by any latter Statute, nor doeth concerne the transportation of Herring,

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or other Seafish, nor freedome of Custome, Subsidie, or Tonnage for the same, nor transportation of Corne, nor the prohibiting the bringing into this Realme any Codde or Lings in Barrels, or other Caskes, together with all and euery other additions, explanations, and alterations made thereunto, or thereof, or of any part thereof, by any Statute or Statutes made sithence the making of the sayd last mentioned Act, and in force the last day of the Session of Parliament, that was in the Seuenth yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England; And an Act made in the Eight yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Act for Bowyers, and the prices of Bowes. And three Acts made in the Thirteenth yeere of her said Maiesties Reigne, one entituled, An Act that Purueyors may take Corne and Victuals within Fiue miles of Cambridge and Oxford, in certaine cases; One other, An Act against Fraudes, defeating remedies for Dilapidation of Ecclesiasticall Liuings, and for Leases to bee granted by the Collegiate Churches; Another entituled, An Acte touching Leases of Beneáces and other Ecclesiasticall Liuings, with cure, together with all and euery explanations, additions, and alterations thereof, or of any of them, or to any of them made by seuerall Statutes of the foureteenth, eighteenth, and three and fortieth yeere of her sayd late Maiesties Reigne; And so much of an Act, made in the foureteenth yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Acte for the punishment of Vagabonds, and for the relieue of the poore and impotent, as concerneth the Taxing, Rating, Leuying, receiuing and imploying of Gaole money; And so much of an Act, made in the eighteenth yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Act for setting the poore on worke, and auoyding Idlenesse, as concerneth Bastards begotten out of lawfull Matrimony. And an Act made in the said eighteenth yeere of the Reigne of the said late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Acte for the repayring and amending of the Bridges and High-wayes neere vnto the Citie of Oxford: And two Actes made in the Seuen and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late Queene Elizabeth, the one entituled, An Act for the maintenance of the Peere and Cob of Lyme Regis, in the Countie of Dorset; and the other, entituled, An Act for the good gouernement of the Citie or Borough of Westminster; And two other Acts made in the said Seuen and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late

late Queene Elizabeth, The one entituled, An Acte for reuiuing of a former Statute, for the true making of Mault; And the other, entituled, An Acte for the keeping the Seabankes, and Sea-workes in the Countie of Norfolke: And an Acte made in the one and thirtieth yeere of her said Maiesties Reigne, entituled, An Act for the true gauging of vessels, brought from beyond the Seas, conuerted by Brewers, for the vtterance and sale of Ale and Beere: And two Actes made in the fiue and thirtieth yeere of her sayd late Maiesties Reigne, the one entituled, An Acte for the reformation of sundry abuses in Clothes, called Deuonshire Kersies, or Dozens, according to a Proclamation of the foure and thirtieth yeere of her said Maiesties Reigne; the other entituled, An Acte for the bringing in of Clapboard from the parts beyond the Seas, and the restrayning of the transporting of Wine-caskes, for the sparing & preseruing of Timber within the Realme: And so much of one Act made in the said fiue and thirtieth yeere of the reigne of the said late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Acte to retaine the Queenes Maiesties subiects in their due obedience, as hath not been hitherto repealed by any other Statute: And the seuerall Acts hereafter mentioned, made in the nine and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the said late Queene Elizabeth, that is to say, An Acte entituled, An Act for the punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds, and Sturdy Beggers, with the Prouision annexed thereunto by one Act made in the first yeere of the Kings Maiesties Reigne that now is, entituled, An Act for continuing and reuiuing of diuers Statutes, and for repealing of some others: An Act entituled, An Act for the increase of Mariners, & for maintenance of Nauigation, repealing a former act made in the three and twentieth yeere of her said Maiesties reigne, bearing the same Title; An Act, entituled, An Act for the explanation of the Statute, made in ỹ fifth yere of her said Maiesties reigne, concerning Labourers; An act entituled, An Act prohibiting the bringing into this Realme of forreigne Cards for wooll: An Acte, entituled, An Acte for excessiue making of Mault; An Act, entituled, An Act against lewd and wandring persons, pretending to be Souldiers, or Mariners; And the seuerall Actes hereafter mentioned, made in the three and fortieth yeere of the Reigne of the sayd late Queene Elizabeth, That is to say, An Act, entituled, An Act for the necessary relieke of Souldiers, and Mariners; An Acte, entituled, An

Act to auoyde trifeling and friuolous Suits in Law, in her Maieſties Courts at Weſtminſter; An Act, entituled, An Act for the relieſe of the poore, with the addition thereunto made, by an Acte made in the firſt yeere of his Maieſties Reigne of England, entituled, An Act for continuing of diuers Statutes, and for repeale of ſome others, and with this further addition; And bee it enacted, that all perſons, to whom the Ouerſeers of the poore ſhall, accoꝛding to the ſayd Acte, binde any childꝛen Appꝛentices, may take and receiue, and keepe them as Appꝛentices, any foꝛmer Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding: An Acte, entituled, An Act for the true making, and woꝛking of woollen Cloth: An Act, entituled, An Act to preuent Periury, and ſubornation of Periury, and vnneceſſarie expence in Suites of Law, And the ſeuerall Actes made in the firſt yeere of the Reigne of our now Soueraigne Lord the King, after mentioned: One entituled, An Act made for the explanation of the Statute made in the fifth yeere of the late Queene Elizabeths Reigne, concerning Labourers: And another, entituled, An Acte for the continuance, and explanation of the Statute made in the nine & thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the late Queene Elizabeth, entituled, An Acte for puniſhment of Rogues, Vagabonds, and ſturdie Beggers: Another, entituled, An Acte to take away the benefite of Clergie for ſome kinde of Manſlaughter: Another entituled, An Act to reſtraine the inoꝛdinate haunting and tipling in Innes, Alehouſes, and other Victualing houſes: Another, entituled, An Act for auoyding deceipt in ſelling, buying, oꝛ ſpending coꝛrupt and vnwholeſome Hoppes: Another Act entituled, An Act concerning Tanners, Curriers, Shoomakers, and other Artificers, occupying the cutting of Leather, ſauing for ſuch part thereof as is repealed, by one other Acte, made in the fourth yeere of his Maieſties Reigne of England, in that behalfe: Another entituled, An Act for the better execution of the intent and meaning of foꝛmer Statutes, made againſt ſhooting in Gunnes, and for the preſeruation of Game, of Pheſants and Partridges, and againſt the deſtroying of Hares with Hare-pipes, and tracing Hares in the Snow: And another entituled, An Act for the charitable relieſe, and oꝛdeꝛing of perſons infected with the Plague: And the ſeuerall Actes made in the third yeere of the Reigne of our ſayd Soueraigne Lord, King Iames, after mentioned, The one entituled,

entituled, An Act for auoyding vnnecessary delayes of Executions: Another entituled, An Act for the relefe of such as lawfully vse the Trade and Handicraft of Skinners: Another entituled, An Act for the rating and leuying of the charges for conueying Malefactors, and offenders to the Gaole: Another Act entituled, An Acte for transportation of Beere ouer the Seas: And another entituled, An Act for repayring of the high way, from Monsuch to Talworth, in the Parishes of Ewell, and Long Ditton, in the Countie of Surrey, leading to Kingstone vpon Thames, in the Countie aforesaid: And that the seuerall Actes made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of our now Soueraigne Lord, King Iames, after mentioned; the one entituled, An Act for the true making of woollen Clothes: Another entituled, An Act for the repressing the odious and loathsome sinne of Drunkennesse: And another entituled, An Act for the better prouision of Meadow and Pasture, for the necessary maintenance of Husbandry, and Tillage, in the Manors, Lordships, and Parishes of Marden, alias Mawarden, Bodenham, Wellington, Sutton, Saint Michael Sutton, Saint Nicholas Wurton vpon Lugge, and the Parish of Pype, and euery of them, in the Countie of Hereford: And the seuerall Actes made in the seuenth yeere of the Reigne of our sayd Soueraigne Lord, King Iames, after mentioned; The one entituled, An Act for the better execution of Iustice, and suppressing of criminall offenders, in the North parts of the Kingdome of England: Another entituled, An Act for the due execution of diuers Lawes and Statutes heretofore made, against Roagues, Vagabonds, and sturdy Beggers, and other lewde and idle persons: Another entituled, An Act for ease in pleading against troublesome, and contentious Suites, prosecuted against Iustices of the Peace, Mayors, Constables; and certaine other his Maiesties Officers, for the lawfull execution of their Office: Another entituled, An Act to preuent the spoile of Corne and Graine by vntimely Hawking, and for the better preseruation of Pheasants and Partridges: Another entituled, An Act to auoyde the double payment of Debts: Another entituled, An Act for the explanation of one Statute made in the third yeere of the Reigne of our now Soueraigne Lord, King Iames, entituled, An Act against vnlawfull Hunting, and stealing of Deere, and Coneys: Another entituled, An Act against burning of Ling, and Heath, and

other Moze-burning in the Counties of Yorke, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, Lancaster, Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester, at vnseasonable times in the yeere: Another entituled, An Acte for the taking, landing and carrying of Sea-sand for the bettering of grounds, and for the encrease of Corne and Tillage, within the Counties of Deuon and Cornewall: And another entituled, An Act for the speedy recouery of many thousand acres of Marish ground within the Countics of Norfolke and Suffolke, lately surrounded by the rage of the Sea, in diuers parts of the sayd Counties, and for the preuention of the danger of the like surrounding hereafter, shall by vertue of this Act bee adiudged euer since the Session of Parliament, in the seuenth yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, to haue beene of such force and effect, as the same were the last day of that Session, and from thencefoorth, vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

Prouided neuertheless, That so much of euery of the sayd Actes, as by any new Acte made in this Session of Parliament, shall be explaned, altered or repealed, shall for so much thereof, from the end of this Session of Parliament, stand, and be in force, as by those other Actes shall be ordained.

Prouided also, and bee it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That when the prices of Cornes or Graines exceede not the rates hereafter following, at the times, hauens, and places, when and where the same Corne or Graine shall be bought, shipped, or loaden, viz. The quarter of Wheate at two and thirtie shillings, The quarter of Rie at twentie shillings, The quarter of Pease and Beanes at sixteene shillings, The quarter of Barley or Malt at sixteene shillings of currant English money; That then it shalbe lawfull for all, and euery person and persons, being Subiects of the Kings Maiestie, his heires or Successors, to carry and transport of his owne, and to buy to sell againe in Markets, and out of Markets, and to keepe or sell, or carry and transport any of the sayd Cornes and Graines, from the places where they shall be of such prices, vnto any parts beyond the Seas, in amitie with his Maiestie, as merchandize, in ships, Crayes, or other Vessels, whereof any English borne Subiect or Subiects then shall bee the owner or owners, or the same to carry and sell in other places within this Realme, or Dominions thereof, Any Law, Vsage, or Statute to the

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contrary hereof notwithstanding. And that the Kings Maiesty, his Heires and Successors, shall haue and receiue by the Customers and Officers of his Ports, for the custome or poundage of euery quarter of Wheat, to be transported by force of this Statute out of this Realme, two shillings; Of euery quarter of other Graine, sixeteene pence: which sayde seuerall summes, so to bee had and taken, as custome or poundage, shall bee in full satisfaction of all maner of Custome or poundage for the said Corne or Graine, by any Constitution, Order, Statute, Law, or Custome heretofore made, vsed or taken, for transporting of any such maner of Corne or Graine.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That the Kings Maiesty, his Heires and Successors, may at all times by his and their Writ of Proclamation, to be published generally in the whole Realme, or in any of the Counties of the Realme where any Port-townes are, command, That no person shall, by vertue of this Acte, transport or conuey any maner of Graine out of his Highnesse Dominions generally, or out of any speciall Ports, to be in the same Proclamation particularly named, for such time as shall be therein limited and appointed; And it shall not be lawfull for any person to cary out any such Graine, contrary to the tenor of the same Proclamation, vpon such paines and forfeitures, as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, are and haue beene prouided and ordained in that behalfe, This Acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that no person or persons shall incurre any penaltie for want of length, breadth or weight of Welsh Cottons, vnder the price of fiiteene pence the Yard, or two shillings the Goad, So as they be not mixt with Haire or other deceitfull stuffe, nor for any others aboue that price, except they be mixt, as aforesaid, or shall shrinke aboue the rate of halfe a yard in twelue yards of length, or weigh lesse then foureteene ounces the yard, or holde not full three quarters of a yard broad.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That all Statutes heretofore made, that take away Sanctuary for any offence, shall, for so much as concerneth the taking away of Sanctuary, be reuiued, and shall be and stand in force & power, Any words of Repeale contained in the Statute,

made in the first Session of Parliament, holde in the first yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, entituled, An Act for continuing and reuiuing of diuers Statutes, and for repealing of some others, or in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That no Sanctuarie or Priuiledge of Sanctuary, shall be hereafter admitted or allowed in any case.

And whereas in the Session of Parliament, holden in the fifth yeere of the Reigne of the late Queene Elizabeth, one Act was made, entituled, An Acte for the punishment of such as shall procure or commit periury: And by one other Act made in a Session of Parliament, begun in the eight and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the said late Queene Elizabeth, it was enacted, that the said Acte should from thencefoorth be, remaine, and continue in force and effect for euer:

And yet nuerthelesse, in the Parliament, holden in the first yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, by one Acte entituled, An Acte for continuing and reuiuing of diuers Statutes, and for repealing of some others, it was amongst other things enacted, That the said Act made in the said fifth yeere of the said late Queene ELIZABETH, for punishment of Periury, should bee reuiued and continued, vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament. It is now declared and enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that the said Acte concerning Periury, made in the said fifth yeere, and euery Clause, Branch, Article and Prouision therein, doeth now stand, and shall from henceforth be, remaine, and continue in force, and effect for euer.

And bee it also enacted, That one part of the Statute made in the fiue and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late king Henry the eight, entituled, An Acte for the destruction of Wilde foule, which was repealed by a later Act, made in the Parliament, holden in the third and fourth yeere of the Reigne of the late king Edward the sixt, shall be reuiued, and stand in force, vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

And bee it also enacted, That one Acte made in the first yeere of the Reigne of the late Queene Mary, for, and concerning the making, repayring, and amendement of the common High-way and Causey in the Counties of Dorset and Somerset, betweene the Townes of Shaftesbury and Sherborne,

borne, in the same County of Dorset, be reuiued and stand in force, vntill the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

And be it further enacted by authority of this present Parliament, That one Statute, made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third, reciting, that before that time, a Horseman was wont to haue his passage ouer the Sea, from the Port of Douer, for two shillings, and a Footman for sixe pence, and ordering concerning Passage, at Douer and other places, as in the said Statute is conteined: And one other Statute made in the thirteenth yeere of the Raigne of the late King Richard the second, by which it is enacted, That all Pilgrimes, & all other people, except certaine persons in that Statute excepted, shal passe at the Port of Douer, & Plymouth, and not elsewhere, without speciall Licence of the King himselfe: And one Statute, made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the fourth, concerning Passage from Douer, and all other Statutes therein recited or mentioned: And one other Statute, made in the seuen and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third, concerning the prices of Poultry: And one Statute, made in the foure and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third, concerning Weights and Measures, and beginning, Where it is conteined in the great Charter, that one Measure shalbe vsed throughout the Realme, And by which it is ordeined, that certaine Articles shall bee holden and kept, vpon the paines conteined in a Statute made in the eight and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third: And one other Statute, made in the said foure and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the said late King Edward the third, by which it is ordeined, That the passage of Corne shall be defended in all the Ports of England, so that none haue Licence or Warrant to passe with such Corne in any wise, vnlesse, it bee to certaine places in the sayd Acte specified: And one Statute made in the seuenteenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Richard the second, whereby Licence is granted to all the Kings Liege people, to ship and cary Corne out of the Realme: And one Statute made in the third yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the fourth, concerning Corne not to be brought into the Realme in certaine cases: And one Statute made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the seuenth,

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concerning the prices of Hats and Caps: And one other Statute, made in the foureteenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Richard the second, ordering that the passage of Tinne out of the Realme, shall be at the Port of Dartmouth, and no where else: And one other Statute made in the fifteenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Richard the second, concerning carriage of Tinne to Callys: And one Statute made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the fifth, concerning making of Patens of Aspe: And one Statute made in the sixe and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third, concerning Stipend or Wages of Priests, and Priests passing from one Diocesse to another: And one other Statute made in the second yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the fifth, concerning Wages, or Stipend of Chapleines, and Priests: And so much of one Acte made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of King Henry the seuenth, as appointeth the rates and prices how broad Cloathes of the colour of Scarlet, or other colours, and other Cloathes shall bee sould: And one Statute made in the eleauenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the seuenth, concerning Vagabonds, vnlawfull Games, and Alehouses, and euery part thereof, together with one Statute made in the time of the late King Richard the second, therein mentioned: And one Statute, made in the nineteenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the seuenth, concerning Vagabonds, Beggers, vnlawfull Games and Alehouses, and euery parte thereof: And one Statute made in the three and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third, concerning valiant Beggers: And one other Statute, made in the seuenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Richard the second concerning Robarts-men, Drawlatches, Vagabonds and Faitors; And seuen seuerall Actes, and Statutes made in the twelfth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Richard the second, whereof the first concerneth Artificers, Labourers, seruants, Victualers; The second concerneth Wages of Seruants; The third concerneth labouring at Plough and Cart; The fourth concerneth Seruants bearing of Buckler, Swords and Daggers, and vsing vnlawfull Games; The fifth concerneth persons that goe begging; The sixth concerneth those that fayne themselues men trauayling out of the Realme, and there to bee imprisoned; And the seuenth concerneth the execution

ecution of the Ordinances aforesayd, concerning Seruants, Labourers, Beggers, and Vagabonds: And one Acte, or Statute made in the two and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the eight, entituled, An Act how aged, poore and impotent persons, compelled to liue by Almes, shall bee ordered, and how Vagabonds, and mighty strong Beggers shall be punished, And euery part thereof: And one Acte or Statute made in the third yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the sixt, entituled, An Acte touching the punishment of Vagabonds, and other idle persons: And one Statute, made in the eleauenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the sixt, concerning Waxchandlers, the price of Candles, and other things wrought of waxe: And that part of one Statute, commonly called Statutum de Pistoribus, which ordeineth, that the assize of Wine shall bee kept, according to the assize of our Soueraigne Lord the king, that is to wit, a Sexterne at twelue pence, And that if the Tauerners exceede the same Assize, their doores shall be shut vp by the Mayors and Bayliffes, and shall not bee suffered to sell Wine, vntill they haue obteined licence of the King: And one Statute made in the foure and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the eight, entituled, An Act concerning the sale of Wines: And that part of one Statute, made in the eight and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the eight, by which it is ordeined, That no person or persons shall sell any Gascoigne, Guion or French Wines aboue certaine prices in that Act mentioned, vnder the paine in the sayd Acte specified, And that no Malmeseys, Romneys sackes, or other sweete Wines shall bee sould by retayle, aboue the prices therein conteined, vnder the paines in that Act mentioned: And also that part of a Statute, made in the fiue and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the eight, by which it is enacted, That the Lords and owners of the Meases, Tenements, or Cottages in the Citie of Worcester, and other Townes, and Burrowes in the sayd Act mentioned, should at no time after that, admit, set, or let any Meale, Tenement or Cottage, sufficiently repayred within the sayd Citie, Burrow, or Townes in that Act limited, to any person, or persons, that after that should inhabite in the said City, Burrow or Townes, and exercising the Mysteries, or Craft in that Acte mentioned at any higher Rent, Impostion or Charge,

Charge, then was giuen for the same, at any time within twentie yeeres next before the making of that Act: And one Acte made in the fourth yeere of King Henry the seuenth, concerning houses of Husbandry, and Tillage: And one Acte made in the seuenth yeere of King Henry the eight, entituled, An Acte to auoyde letting downe of Townes: And one Act made in the seuen and twentieth yeere of King Henry the eight, entituled, An Acte concerning decay of Houses and Enclosures; And one Act made in the fift yeere of the Reigne of King Edward the first, entituled, An Acte for the maintenance of Tillage, and encrease of Corne: And one Acte made in the fifth yeere of the Reigne of Queene ELIZABETH, entituled, An Acte for maintenance and encrease of Tillage: And that part of the Statute made in the seuen and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henrie the eight, by which it is ordained, That all and singuler persons, Bodies politique and corporate, to whom the Kings Maiestie after that should giue, grant, let, set or demise any Scite, or Precinct, with the houses thereupon builded, together with the Demeines of any Monastery, Priory, or other Religious houses, that should bee dissolued or giuen to the King by that Acte, shall bee bound to keepe house and household, and occupie Demeines in plowing, and tilling of husbandry, as in that Acte is specified, vnder the paines therein contained: And one Statute made in the foureteenth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Richard the second, against buying of Wooll of others then of the owner of the Sheepe and Tythe, and euery clause in the same Statute: And that part of one Statute made in the eighth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the first, By which it is enacted, that no man buy yarne of Woll, called Woollen yarne, vnlesse he will make Cloth thereof: And one Statute made in the fifth & sixth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the first, intituled, An Act limiting the times for buying and selling of Woolles: And one Statute made in the three & thirtieth yere of the reigne of the late King Henry the eight, entituled, An Act concerning keeping of great Horses: And so much of the Statute made in the time of the Reigne of King Edward the first, commonly called the Statute of Winchester, as concerneth the hauing, keeping, & view of Harnesse & Armes: And that part of the Statute, commonly called, Articuli super Chartas, by which it is ordained, that none shall make Rings,

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Crosses or Locks: And one Statute made in the seuen and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the third, by which it is ordained, that makers of white Vessels shall not guild: And that part of one Statute, made in the second yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the fifth, by which Gold-Smiths are prohibited to take more then fourty sixe shillings and eight pence for a pound Troy of Siluer guilt: And one Statute made in the second yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the sixt, by which it is enacted, That no Siluer bee bought for more then thirty shillings the pound of Troy: And one Statute, made in the second yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the fourth against bringing in of Coine of Flanders, Scotland, and other forreine Coine: And one Statute, made in the second yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the fourth, by which it is enacted, That no Welchman whole borne in Wales, and hauing father and mother borne in Wales, shall purchase Lands and Tenements within the Towne of Chester, and other places named in that Acte; And that no Welchman shall be chosen a Citizen or Burgesse in any Citie, Borough or Merchant Towne; And that Welchmen be not put in certaine Offices, nor beare Armes, and euery Clause thereof: And one other Statute made in the same yeere concerning Arrests, made by the inhabitants of Wales, and driuing of distresses into Wales: And one other Statute made in the same yeere, concerning Welchmen entring into the Counties adioyning, and in the same doe burne, kill, rauish, or commit any other Felonie, or Trespasse: And one other Statute made in the same yeere, by which it is enacted, That the Lords of the Marches of Wales shall ordaine and set sufficient stuffing and Ward in their Castles, and Seniories of Wales: And one other Statute made in the same yeere, by which it is established, That no Welchman be receiued to purchase Lands or Tenements within England, nor within the Boroughs, or English Townes of Wales; Nor that no Welchman should bee accepted Burgesse; Nor to haue any other libertie within the Realme, nor within the Boroughs & Townes aforelaid, And euery clause in euery of the said Statutes, made in the said second yeere: And one Statute made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the fourth, whereby it is ordained, That no Englishman, Liege to the king, bee conuicted by any Welchman; Nor that English Burgesses, which haue married

ried Welch women, haue Franchiſes with Engliſh Burgeſſes: And one other Statute made in the ſame yeere, by which it is ordained, That no Congregations bee made or ſuffered to bee made by the Welchmen, but as in the ſayd Statute is appointed: And one other Statute made in the ſame yeere, concerning ſending and bringing Merchandize and Armour into Wales: And one other Statute made in the ſame yeere, concerning Welchmens not hauing of Caſtle, Fortreſſe, or Houſe of defence to keepe: And one other Statute made in the ſame yeere, That Welchmen ſhall not be made Juſtice, Chamberlein, nor haue certaine other Offices in the ſayd Statute mentioned: And one other Statute made in the ſame yeere, concerning ſtoring of the Caſtles and Townes in Wales with Engliſh: And one other Statute made in the ſame yeere, That Engliſhmen marrying Welch women, ſhall not be put in Offices; And euery clauſe of the ſaid Statute, made in the ſayd fourth yeere: And one Statute made in the ninth yeere of the Reigne of the ſayd late King Henry the fourth, concerning Felonies and Robberies, done within any Signiorie of South-wales: And ſo much of one Statute, made in the fiue and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Henry the firſt, as concerning the confirming of Statutes, made before that time againſt Welchmen, and making voyd grants of Franchiſes made to Welchmen, and concerning Villaines in Wales: And that part of one Statute made in the thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of King Richard the ſecond, by which it is ordained, That Hoſtlers ſhall ſell Hay and Oates at a reaſonable price, ſo that they take not but one halfepeny ouer the common price in the Market: And that part of one other Statute, made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of King Henry the fourth, By which it is enacted, that Hoſtlers ſhall incurre the quadruple value of that, that hee hath taken ouer one halfepeny of euery buſhell of Oates, aboue the common price in the Market: And one part of the Statute made in the fourth and fifth yeere of the Reigne of the late King Philip and Queene Mary, and other Statutes, by which it is enacted, That none ſhall put to ſale, within the Realme of England, any coloured Cloth, of any other colour or colours, then are in theſe Actes mentioned: And one other part of the ſame Statute of Philip and Mary, by which it is ordained, That after the firſt day of May then next comming, none ſhall vſe or exerciſe the Feate or Myſtery of making

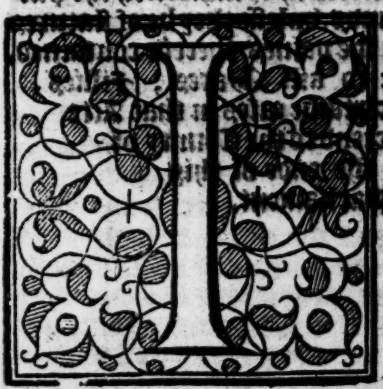
king, Weauing, or Rowing of woollen Clothes, long or short, or Kerlies pinned, Whites or Plaines Straytes, to the intent to put the same to sale, but onely in a Market Towne, where Cloth had vsed to bee made by the space of tenne yeeres then last past, or in a City, Borough, or Towne Corporate, vpon the paines therein contained: And one Statute, made in the eighteenth yeere of the Reigne of the late Queene ELIZABETH, for toleration of certaine Clothiers to dwell out of Townes Corporate, shall bee by vertue of this Acte repealed.

And be it also enacted, That so much of the Statute made in the two and thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of the late king Henry the eight, entituled, An Act concerning the breede of Horses of higher stature, as concerneth or inhibiteth the putting of Horses in certaine grounds, vnlesse they be of statures in that Acte mentioned, vnder the paines therein contained, and that giueth authoritie to kill Mares, Fillies, Foales or Geldings, in certaine cases in that Acte mentioned, shall not extend to the County of Cornewall, after the ende of this Session of Parliament.

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An Acte to enable the moſt Excellent Prince Charles, to make Leaſes of Lands, parcell of his Highneſſe Duchie of Cornewall, or annexed to the ſame.

CHAP. XXIX.



Moſt humble wife hereby your moſt Excellent Maieſtie, your humble and obedient Sonne and Suppliant, Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornewall and of Rothe, and Earle of Cheſter, That whereas your ſayde Suppliant is ſeized of the ſaid Dukedome of Cornewall and the poſſeſſions thereof, of a ſtate of inheritance, vnder a ſpeciall forme of limitation, differing from the ordinary rules of Inheritance at the common Lawe, whereupon ſome queſtions doe grow, whether Leaſes made by your ſayde Suppliant, of any Mannours, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, parcell of the ſayde Duchie, or annexed to the ſame, ſhould bee good and effectuall in Lawe longer then your Suppliants life: for auoyding of which doubt, and to the end ſuch perſons as haue taken, or ſhall take Leaſes from your Suppliant, may bee ſure to haue good eſtates, and ſo be incouraged to beſtowe charges in the building, and maintaining of their houſes, and good manuring of the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo demiſed, or to be demiſed to them:

May it pleaſe your moſt Excellent Maieſtie, that it may be ordained and enacted by your Maieſtie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this preſent Parliament

ment assembled, And bee it ordained, established and enacted by authority of this present Parliament, That all Leases made, or to be made by your said Suppliant, of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, parcell of the possessions of the sayde Duchie of Cornewall, or annexed to the same, shall bee good and effectuall in Lawe, according to the purport and content of the said Leases, against your Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, and against your said Suppliant, and his Heires, and against all and euery person and persons that shall inherite or succeed according to the sayde limitation or otherwise.

Prouided alwayes, That euery such Lease so made, or to bee made, of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments in possession, be, or shall be made by Deede indented, and but for three liues or fewer, or for one and thirty yeeres, or vnder, or some other terme of yeeres, determinable vpon one, two, or three liues, and not aboue: And if such Leases bee made in reuersion, That then the same, together with the Estates in possession, doe not exceed three liues, or the Terme of one and thirty yeeres, and not in any wise dispunishable of waste; And so as vpon euery such Lease, be, or shall bee reserued the ancient or most vsuall Rent, or such Rent as hath bin yeelded or payd, for the greater part of twentie yeeres next before the making of the said Leases, and was or shall bee reserued, due and payable, by, or to him or her that had, or shall haue the Inheritance, or other Estate of the said Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments: And where no such Rent hath been reserued, or payable, that then vpon euery such Lease, there or shall be reserued a reasonable Rent, not being vnder the twentieth part of the cleare yeerely value of the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments contained in such Lease.

And bee it further ordained and enacted by authority of this present Parliament, That all Couenants, Conditions, and Reseruations, and other agreements contained in euery such Lease so made, or to bee made, as aforesaid, shall be good and effectuall in Lawe, according to the words and contents of the same, aswell for, and against them to whom the Reuersion of the same Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall come, as for and against them, to whom the said Leases shall come respectiuely, as if your Suppliant at the time of the making of such Couenants, Conditions, and

Reſeruations and other agreements, had beene ſeiſed of an abſolute Eſtate in Feeſimple, in the ſame Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſauing alwayes to all and euery perſon and perſons, Bodies politique and Corporate, their heires and ſucceſſours, executors, adminiſtrators and aſſignes (other then your Maieſtie, your Heires, and Succeſſours, and other then your Suppliant, and his Heires, and all and euery perſon and perſons that ſhall inherite or ſucceede, according to the ſayde limitation or otherwiſe) all ſuch Rights, Titles, Eſtates, Cuſtomes, Intereſtes, Termes, Claimes, and Demands whatſoeuer, of what kinde, nature, or quality whatſoeuer, of, in, to or out of the ſaid Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, as they or any of them had, or ought to haue had before the making of this Acte, to all intents and purpoſes, and in as large and ample maner and forme, as if this Acte had neuer beene, had or made,

This Act, or any thing therein contained, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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An Acte for the assuring of a Messuage called Yorke-house, and of diuers other Messuages and Tenements, *part of the possessions of the Archbishop of* YORKE, situate in the Parish of S. MARTINS in the fields, in the *County of Middlesexe, vnto the Kings most Excellent Maiestie*, his Heires, Successors, and Assignes: And of the Manors or Lordships of *Brighton*, *Santon*, *Acombe*, alias *Acom*, with *Holgate* and the *Grange*, called *Beckhay Grange*, in the County of Yorke, or in the County of the City of Yorke, part of his Majesties Possessions, to TOBY, Lord Archbishop of Yorke, and his Successors.

CHAP. XXX.

WHereas the Kings most excellent Maiestie is seised in fee-simple in right of his Crowne of England, of, and in the Manours or Lordships of Brighton, with Landes in Melvome, Acombe, alias Acom, and Holgate, and all the Landes, Tenements, and Hereditaments in Acombe, Holgate, Clifton, Skelton, Wigginton, Bowtham: Acombe and Holgate, reputed parcell of the said Manour, or demised with the same, and of the Manour of Santon, and the Manour or Grange of Beckhay, situate and being in the Countie of Yorke, or in the County of the City of Yorke, with the Rights, members and appurtenances thereof, which, as the same are in charge before the Auditors of his Maiesties Reuenue, are of the yeerely value of one hundred & forty pounds, or thereabouts. And whereas the most Reuerend Father in

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God, Toby, Lord Archbishop of Yorke, is seised in Fee simple, in Right of his said Archbishoprieke, of, & in all that Mansion house, or Messuage, commonly called and known by the name of Yorke-place, or Yorke-house, and of diuers other Messuages and Tenements, with the appurtenances situate and being within the Parish of S. Martins in the fields, in the County of Middlesexe: And whereas an agreement hath beene lately made betweene his Maiestie, and the sayd Lord Archbishop, That his Maiestie, his Heires, Successors, and Assignes should haue and enioy the said Mansion house, or Messuage called Yorke-place or Yorke-house, and the sayd Messuages and Tenements, and all barnes, stables, buildings, courts, yards, gardens, orchards, wayes, passages, water-courses, easements, and commodities, to them, or any of them belonging or appertayning, or with them, or any of them, occupyed or enioyed by the Right Honorable Thomas, Viscount Brackley, Lord Ellesmere deceased, late Lord Chancellour of England, Francis, Viscount S. Albans, late also Lord Chancellor of England, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, as part or parcell of the Possessions of the sayd Archbishop: And all the franchises, liberties, priuiledges, iurisdictions, quittances, and immunities of the sayd Archbishop, or to the sayd Archbishop, or his Church or See appertayning in the premisses, being, happening, or growing, or therein, or therewith to be had or vsed: And that the sayd Lord Archbishop, and his Successors, should haue, and enioy the sayd Manors or Lordships of Brighton, with Lands in Melborne, the Manor of Acombe, alias Acom, and Holgate, and all the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in Acombe, Holgate, Clifton, Skelton, Wiggington, Bowtham: Acombe and Holgate, reputed parcell of the sayd Manour, or demised with the same, the Manour of Santon, and Lands in Eastrop, alias Easthrop, Hotham and Caue reputed parcell of the said Manour, or demised with the same as parcell thereof, and the Manor or Grange of Beckhay, with all the rights, members, and appurtenances thereof, and all the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments thereunto belonging or appertaining, or thereof now, or heretofore reputed as part or parcell, or therewith vsed or occupied, as parcell thereof.

Now forasmuch as the said Manours or Lordships of Brighton, Santon, Acombe, alias Acom, with Holgate, and

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the Manor & Grange called Beckhay, and premisses agreed to be assured to the said Archbishop and his Successors, will be more profitable and commodious vnto the said Archbishop and his Successors, then the said Mansion-house, Messuages, and Tenements thereunto neere adioyning, and premisses agreed to be assured vnto his Maiesty, were euer like to be, for that in many yeeres past, the said Archbishop or his Predecessors, haue not had the vse of the said Mansion-house, and the other premisses haue yeelded to them very little profit, and the said Mansion-house is likely hereafter to be burdensome and a charge to the said Archbishop and his Successors; so as the effecting of the agreement aforesaid, will be for the benefit of the said Lord Archbishop and his Successors, which his Maiestie, of his Grace and fauour to the sayde Church and See, is pleased to conuey and assure vpon the same: Be it therefore enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maiesty, with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That his Maiesty, his Heires, Successors and Assignes, shall, and may for euer hereafter, haue, holde, and quietly enioy against the sayde Archbishop, and his Successors, all the sayd Mansion house or Messuage, called Yorke-place, or Yorke house, and all other the Messuages and Tenements, whereof the sayde Archbishop is seised in Fee-simple, in right of his said Archbishoprick, situate and being in the said Parish of Saint Martins in the Fields in the Countie of Middlesex, And all Barnes, Stables, Buildings, Courts, Yards, Gardens, Orchards, Waies, Passages, Water-courses, Easements, and commodities, to them, or any of them, belonging or appertaining, or with them or any of them, occupyed or enioyed, by the sayd Right Honourable Thomas, Viscount Brackley, Lord Ellesmere deceased, late Lord Chancellour of England, Francis, Viscount Saint Alban, also late Lord Chancellor of England, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, as part or parcell of the possessions of the said Archbishop, and all the Franchises, Liberties, Priuiledges, Iurisdictions, Quittances and Immunities of the said Archbishop, or to the sayde Archbishop, or his Church or See pertaining in the premisses, being, happening, or growing, or therein, or therewith to be had or vsed, Any Statute in that behalfe made to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And be it likewise enacted by the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by authority of the same, that the said Toby, Lord Archbishop of Yorke, and his Successors, shall and may for euer hereafter, haue, holde, and quietly enioy, as his and their lawfull and proper Inheritance, in right of the said Archbishopricke, and to the said Archbishopricke annexed, all the sayde Manors or Lordships of Brighton, with lands in Welborne, the Manor of Arombe, alias Acom, and Holgate, and all the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in Acombe, Holgate, Clifton, Skelton, Wiggington, Bowtham, Acombe, and Holgate, reputed parcell of the said Manor, or demised with the same, the Manor of Santon, and lands in Eastrop alias Eastthrop, Hotham and Caue, reputed parcell of the same Manor, or demised with the same as parcell thereof, and the Manor or Grange of Beckhay, with the Rights, members, and appurtenances thereof, and all the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments thereunto belonging or appertaining, or thereof, now, or heretofore reputed as part or parcell, or therewith vsed, occupied or enioyed, as part, member, or parcell thereof, to be holden of his Maiestie, his Heires and Successors, in ffranke Almoigne.

And for further accomplishment of his Maiesties good desires, to prouide for the good of the Successours of the sayde Archbishop, and of the said Church, and by the willing assent of the sayd Archbishop, Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That neither the said Archbishop, nor any of his Successors, for the time being, shall be able at any time to make Leases, other then in possession, nor for aboue the terme of eleuen yeeres, from the beginning of such Lease, or Leases, to any Tenant or other person whatsoeuer, of the said Manors or Lordships of Brighton, Santon, Acombe, alias Acom, with Holgate, and the Manor or Grange called Beckhay, or other premisses assured to the said Archbishop, or of any part or parcell thereof, sauing to all, and euery person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their Heires, Successors, Executors, Administrators and Assignes, other then his most excellent Maiesty, his Heires & Successors, and other then all the heires of the body of the right Honourable, Mathew Earle of Leonor, and the Ladie Margaret, Countesse of Leonor his wife deceased, and other then the Heires of Edward

ward late Duke of Somerſet, & the heires of Sir Iames Strangways Knight, all ſuch right, title, eſtate, intereſt, entry, and demaund of, in, and to the ſayd Manours or Lordſhips of Brighton, Santon, Acombe, alias Acom, with Holgate, and the Manour, or Grange called Beckhay, with the appurtenances, and other the premiſſes, aſſured to the ſayd Archbiſhop, and his Succeſſors by this Acte, or any part thereof, as hee, or they, or any of them ſhould or might haue had, or enioyed, if this Acte had neuer beene had, or made, any thing herein conteined to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding: Sauing alſo, to all and euery perſon and perſons, bodies politicke and corporate, their heires, ſucceſſors, executors, adminiſtrators, and aſſignes, other then the ſaid Toby, Lord Archbiſhop of Yorke, and his ſucceſſors, All ſuch right, title, eſtate, intereſt, entry and demaund, of, in, and to the ſayd Manſion-houſe, Meſſuage, and premiſſes, aſſured to his Maieſtie, his Heires and Succeſſors by this Acte, or any part thereof, as he, or they, or any of them, ſhould, or might haue had and enioyed, if this Acte had neuer beene had or made, any thing herein conteined to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, That by occaſion of the ſayd Manors or Lordſhips of Brighton, Santon, Acombe, alias Acom, with Holgate, and the Manor, or Grange called Beckhay, and premiſſes aſſured to the ſaid Archbiſhop; the ſaid Archbiſhop or his Succeſſors, ſhall not bee more charged with payment of firſt Fruites, Subſidies or Tenths, then the ſayd Archbiſhop ought to be charged withall before the making of this Acte.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, That in the time of the vacancie of the ſayd Archbiſhop, the Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall and Metropoliticall Church of Saint Peter of Yorke, and their Succeſſors, ſhall, and may haue and enioy the ſayd Manors or Lordſhips of Brighton, Santon, Acombe, alias Acom, with Holgate, and the Manor or Grange called Beckhay, and all the Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, before by this Act aſſured to the ſayd Archbiſhop, and his Succeſſors, and all the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits of the ſame, to their owne vſe, during the time of the ſaid vacancie, And ſhall not at any time during the ſayd vacancie, claime, challenge, haue, or enioy the ſaid Manſion houſe, or Meſſuage, called

Yorke-place, or Yorke-house, nor any of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, before by this Acte assured to the Kings Maiestie, his Heires, and Successors, or any part thereof, nor any of the Rents, Issues, or Profits of the same.

¶ An Acte for the good order and gouernment of the makers of Kniues, Sickles, Sheeres, Scissors, and other *Cutlery Wares, in Hallamshire, in the County* of Yorke, and the parts neere adioyning.

CHAP. XXXI.

WHereas the greatest part of the Inhabitants of the Lordship and Liberty of Hallamshire, in the said County of Yorke, doe consist of Cutlers, and of those that make Kniues, and other Cutlery Wares, and other Wares made & wrought of Iron and Steele, as Sickles, Scissors, and Sheeres, and by their industrie and labour in the same Artes and Trades, haue not onely gained the reputation of great skill and dexterity in the said Faculty, but haue relieued and maintained their families, and haue bene enabled to set on worke many poore men inhabiting thereabouts, who haue very small meanes or maintenance of liuing, other then by their hands, and daily labour, as workemen to the sayd Cutlers, and haue made Kniues of the best edge, where with they serued the most parts of this Kingdome, and other Forreine countreys, vntill now of late, that diuers persons vsing the same Professions, in, and about the same Lordship and Libertie,

bertie, and within fiue miles compaſſe of the ſame, not being ſubiect to any rule, gouernement, or ſearch of any others of ſkill in thoſe Manufactures, haue refuſed to ſubmit themſelues to any Order, Ordinance, or Search; But euery Workeman in the ſaid Lordſhip and Liberty, and within eight miles compaſſe thereof, haue taken libertie to themſelues, to receiue, entertaine, and take as many Apprentices, and for what terme of yeeres, more or leſſe, as he himſelfe thinketh fit; whereby, and by the multitude of Workemen, the whole Trade & the exact ſkill formerly exerciſed therin, is like in a ſhort time to be ouerthrown: By meanes of which want of Gouernment, Order & Search, the ſame Workemen holding themſelues free and exempt from all ſearch and correction, are thereby emboldened, and doe make much deceiptfull and vnworkemanly Wares, and ſo ſell, and put the ſame to ſale in diuers parts of this kingdome, to the great deceipt of his Maieſties Subiects, and ſcandall of the Cutlers in that Lordſhip and Liberty, and diſgrace and hinderance of the ſale of Cutlery, and Yron and Steele wares, there made, and to the great impoueriſhing, ruine and ouerthrowe of multitudes of poore peoples Which offenders, not being ſubiect vnder any ouerſight, ſuruey, or authority, doe paſſe vnpuniſhed for their offences, abuſes, and miſdemeanors: For redreſſe whereof, and for the better reliefe, comfort, order and gouernment of the ſaid perſons, & of the ſaid Arts, handicrafts, and manufactures, May it pleaſe your moſt Excellent Maieſty, that it may be enacted by your Maieſty, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and be it enacted by the authority of the ſame, That all perſons vſing to make Kniues, Blades, Sciſſers, Sheeres, Sickles, Cutlery wares, and all other wares and manufactures made or wrought of yron & ſteele, dwelling or inhabiting within the ſaid Lordſhip and Liberty of Hallam-ſhire, or within ſixe miles compaſſe of the ſame, be from henceforth, and hereafter may be in deed and in name one body politique, perpetuall, and incorporate of one Maſter, two Wardens, ſixe Searchers, and foure and twenty Aſſiſtants & comminalty of the ſaid Company of Cutlers, of the Lordſhip of Hallamſhiere, in the County of Yorke: And that they by the name of Maſter, Wardens, Searchers Aſſiſtants, and Comminaltie of the Company of Cutlers of Hallamſhire, in the ſaid County of Yorke, may bee, and by

vertue of theſe preſents be really, actually, and fully incorporated, created, made, and erected one body Corporate, and Politique, to all intents and purpoſes, and haue perpetuall ſucceſſion, and bee called and knowne, by the name of Maſter, Wardens, Searchers, Aſſiſtants, and Comminaltie of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamſhire, in the Countie of Yorke: And further, that it may be for euer hereafter lawfull to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, Searchers, and Aſſiſtants, in, and vpon the Feaſt-day of Saint Bartholomew the Apoſtle, in euery yeere yeerely, or at any other conuenient time in the yeere, to nominate, elect, chooſe and ſweare one Maſter, two Wardens, ſixe Searchers, and foure and twentie Aſſiſtants, to be choſen out of the ſaid Company, to order, rule, and gouerne the ſaid Corporation and Company of Cutlers, during the terme of one whole yeere then next enſuing, and vntill there ſhall be other choſen in their roumes.

And be it enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliament, That Robert Sersby, an inhabitant within Hallamſhire, aforeſaid, be the firſt Maſter of the ſaid Company of Cutlers; And that hee the ſaid Robert Sersby may continue in the ſaid office of Maſter, vntill the foreſaid time of the Feaſt of Saint Bartholomew the Apoſtle next comming after the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, and for one whole yeere then next enſuing, And ſo to continue, vntill ſome other of the Company aforeſaid, be choſen and ſworne into the ſaid office of Maſter (if the ſaid Robert Sersby ſhall ſo long liue:) And that Godfrey Burley, and Iohn Rawſon be by the authoritie of this Acte, the firſt Wardens of the ſaid Corporation or Company of Cutlers, And that they may remaine in the ſaid Office of Wardens, from the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, vntill the aforeſaid feaſt day of Saint Bartholomew the Apoſtle then next following, & for one whole yeere then next enſuing, And ſo to continue vntill two others of the Companie aforeſaid, be choſen and ſworne into the ſaid Office of Wardens, according to the Ordinances and prouiſoes hereafter expreſſed and prouided: And likewiſe, that William Warter, William Creſwicke, Thomas Phillipot, Robert Wilkinſon of Hills, Iohn Dungworth, & Iohn Webſter, be by the authority of this Act, the firſt Searchers of the ſaid Corporation or Company of Cutlers; And that they may remaine in the ſaid Office of Searchers, from the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, vntill the aforeſayd feaſt day of Saint Bartholomew the Apoſtle then

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next following, and for one whole yeere then next ensuing, and vntill some others of the Company aforesayd be chosen and sworne in the sayd Office: And likewise, that William Webster, Thomas Creswicke Senior, George Smedley, James Creswicke, Robert Stacy, Edward Creswicke, Thomas Wright Senior, Henry Dyson, George Wilkinson, Lawrence Person Senior, George Barnesley, Edmond Swift, Robert Carr, Robert Barnesley, William Wylde, Richard Iackson, Lawrence Person Iunior, Thomas Smith, Thomas Crosts, Thomas Milward, George Dam, Thomas Pearson, Thomas Parkin, and Thomas Haworth, bee the first foure and twenty Assistants of the sayd Corporation; And that they may remaine and abide in the said Office of Assistants, from the end of this Session of Parliament, vntill the aforesaid Feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle then next comming; And so to continue, vntill some other of the Company aforesaid, bee admitted and sworne into the said Office of Assistants in their roomes, according to the ordinances herein expressed and specified.

And further bee it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That whensoeuer it shall happen any of the aforesayd Master, Wardens, Searchers, or Assistants for the time beeing, doe die, or bee remooued from their place which shall bee remooueable at the discretion of the greater part of the said Company, of Master, Wardens, Searchers and Assistants, That then, and so often it may be lawfull to the residue of the said Company, or to the greater part of them, within the space of one moneth after such auoydance, one other, or more of the Corporation aforesad, into the place or places of him or them so dying, or being remooued, to choose, nominate and appoint; And this so often to doe as the cause shall require, or as the greater part of the said Company shall thinke fit or conuenient.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That euery Master of the sayd Company, which shalbe elected and chosen Master, shall take his oath before the Wardens and Searchers of the said company, for the time being, or any two of them, and the Assistants of the sayd Company, or the greater part of them, for the true and faithfull executing of that place: And the wardens of the sayde Company, to bee from time to time elected according to this Acte, bee sworne before the Master, Searchers, and Assistants of the said Company for the time being, or the greater part of them, for the due execution

ecution of their said places, who are by vertue of this Acte authorized to minister the sayde oath, And the Searchers of the said Company for the time being, to bee elected according to this Acte, to be sworne before the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company, for the time being, or the greater part of them, for the due execution of their sayde places; And the Assistants to bee from time to time chosen according to this Act, shall take their oathes before the Master, Wardens, and Searchers of the sayd Company, for the time being, or two of them, for the faithfull execution of their sayde places, before that they, or any of them, shall presume to take vpon them to execute the same places.

And for the due ordering, and better maintaining of the said Company, and for the better relieuing, and imploying of the poore of the said Trade, Be it ordained and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That it shall, and may bee lawfull, to and for the said Master, Wardens, Searchers, and Assistants of the company of Cutlers, aforesaid, or the greater part of them, and their Successors, from time to time, to constitute, ordaine, make and establish such Lawes, Actes, Orders, Ordinances and Constitutions, which to the said Master, Wardens, Searchers, and Assistants, or the greater part of them, according to their discretions, shall bee good, wholesome, profitable, honest and necessary, for the good Order, Rule and Gouernement of the said Master, Wardens, Searchers, and Comminalty in their seuerall Arts aforesaid, and of all other their apprentizes and seruants in the same Artes, Manufactures, and Professions, aforesaid, so that the sayd Ordinances and Constitutions, bee not any way repugnant and contrary to his Maiesties Royall Prerogatiue, or to the Lawes of this Realme: And that the said Master, Wardens, Searchers and Assistants of Cutlers, aforesaid, or the greater part of them, hauing made such Lawes, Institutions, Ordinances, and Constitutions, may appoint and impose such reasonable paines, punishments, and penalties, by Fine or Amerciaments, or by either of them, vpon all those which they shall finde offending contrary to those Lawes, Actes, Orders, Ordinances, and Constitutions, as vnto them the sayd Master, Wardens, Searchers, and Assistants of Cutlers, or the greater part of them shall bee thought meete and conuenient, according to the quality of the offense; and the same Fines and Amerciaments to leuie, receiue and haue, to the

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vse of the sayd Corporation, to, and for the relieue and benefite of the poore of the sayd Corporation.

And bee it further enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, That no person or persons whatsoeuer, vsing or exercising the Occupation of a Cutler, Scissor-Smith, Sheere-Smith, or Sickle-Smith, within the sayd Lordship or Liberty of Hallamshire, or within sixe miles compasse of the same, shall haue, retaine, or keepe in his, or their seruice at one time, any more then one Apprentice, (besides his owne sonne or sonnes) which hath not serued, as an Apprentice, at the sayd Trade by the space of fiue whole yeeres at the least: And after the sayd fiue yeeres, it shall and may be lawfull to, and for them, or any of them, to take and receiue another Apprentice: Nor shall take any Apprentice for any lesser or shorter time or space, then seuen yeeres at the least: Nor shall take any Apprentice, whose time of apprentishipp shall come out, before the sayd Apprentice bee twenty and one yeeres old at the least: Nor shall take any more or other Apprentice, in case he fortune to bargaine, sell, or assigne ouer to any other man any Apprentice which he hath taken, till such time as that Apprentice shall fully haue serued sixe yeeres: Nor shall take any Apprentice at all, except hee himselfe hath beene an Apprentice by the space of seuen yeeres at the least, at the same Trade, or els haue bene so long taught and instructed therein by his father, and bee the owner of his worke himselfe, and of full age of one and twenty yeeres, vpon paine to forfeit and lose for euery moneth that hee shall keepe or reteine any Apprentice, contrary to the forme aforesayd, the summe of fortie shillings of lawfull money of England, to the Master, Wardens, Searchers, and Communalty of the sayd Company for the time being, to be leuied, and imployed, and distributed, as aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, That this Article or Ordinance, or any thing herein conteined, shall not extend to barre, hinder or punish any Cutler or Knife-maker, for, or from reteyning and keeping in his seruice all such Apprentices, as were by him by the space of sixe moneths at the least, before the first day of this Parliament, taken for seuen yeeres or aboue: Nor for hiring, taking, or keeping any Apprentice, whose master dwelling within the sayd Libertie, or sixe miles thereof, shall fortune to die before the sayd Apprentice hath serued out seuen yeeres, any thing herein conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And be it further enacted by the authority aforesayd, That no person or persons vsing the sayd Arts or Handicrafts, or any of them within the sayd Liberty of Hallamshire, or sixe miles compasse of the same, as aforesaid, shall at any time hereafter make, or cause to be made any Knives or knife-blade, Sheeres, Scissors, or Sickles, except hee, or they doe put steele into the edges of them, vpon paine to lose, for euery such offence, ten shillings, and the wares so deceiptfully made, to bee seized, and recouered by the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being: And to be leuied, distributed, and imployed, as aforesayd.

And also be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That no person, vsing the said mystery or Crafts, or any of them, within the sayd Lordship or Liberty, or sixe miles compasse thereof, shall at any time hereafter strike, graue, or vse vpon his Knives, or the Wares before mentioned, any more markes then one, and that to be such, as shall be first appointed or assigned vnto him by the sayd Master, Wardens, and Searchers of the sayd Company for the time being, or the greater number of them, vpon paine to forfeit and lose for euery time that hee shall offend therein, contrary to the true meaning of this article, or any branch or clause of the same, all such goods not so marked, and the summe of forty shillings to the Master and Wardens of the said Company, for the time being, to bee imployed, as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That all paines, penalties, fines, summes of money, and forfeitures, to be forfeited by vertue of this Act, shall bee sued for, and recouered in any of his Maiesties Courts at Westminster, or in any other Court of Record, in the Counties of Yorke or Derby, wherein no essoine, protection or wager of Law shall be allowed for the Defendant.

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¶ An Act for the making of the Riuer of Thames nauigable for Barges, Boats, and Lighters, from the Village of Bercot *in the Countie of* Oxon *vnto* the Vniuersitie and Citie of *Oxon.*

CHAP. XXXII.

WHereas the cleering and effecting of a passage for Barges, Boats and Lighters, by the Riuer of Thames to the Vniuersitie and City of Oxon, will bee very conuenient for conueyance of Free-stone, commonly called Oxford stone, or Heddington stone, from Bullington Quarre, nere the sayd City and Riuer of Thames, by the said passage to the City of London, and other parts, and most profitable and necessary to, and for the said Vniuersitie and City of Oxon, for conueyance thereby of Coale, fewell, and other necessaries to the said Vniuersitie and City, whereof there is now very great scarcitie and want, and farre greater hereafter like to grow, if some helpe therefore be not made and prouided; And also the said passage will be very behoofefull for preseruing of the high wayes, leading to and from the said Vniuersitie and City, and other parts thereabouts, which now by continuall carriages by Carts are so worne and broken, that in winter season they are for trauellers dangerous, and hardly to be amended and continued passable, without exceeding charge: And whereas the sayd Riuer of Thames for many miles beyond the said City of Oxford Westward, is already nauigable and passable for Boats of good burthens and con-

tents, and likewise is already nauigable for Barges from London to the Village of Bercott in the Countie of Oxford, being within lesse then seuen miles of the City of Oxford, whether and from whence, by the carriage of Stone, Yron, and other prouision, by Carts, the high-wayes are spoiled, as aforesaid: And whereas the said Riuer may easily be made passeable and nauigable for Barges, Boats, or Lighters, betweene the aforesaid Vniuersitie and City of Oxford, and the Village of Bercott, aforesaid, by removing some lets and impediments, by which meanes the said Vniuersitie and City of Oxford shall be greatly relieued and helped: Be it therefore ordained and enacted by the Kings Maiesty, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Lord Chancellour, or Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England, for the time being, at any time after the end of this present Session of Parliament, shall and may at the request of the Chancellour of the said Vniuersitie, or his Vicechancellour for the time being, appoint and authorize by Commission vnder the great Seale of England, eight Commissioners, whereof foure to be of, or for the Vniuersitie, aforesaid, to be chosen by the said Chancellour of the said Vniuersitie, or his Vicechancellor for the time being, & by them or either of them to be nominated and certified to the aforesaid Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, And foure to be of, or for the City of Oxon, to be chosen and nominated by the Mayor, Bayliffes, and Commonaltie of the said City of Oxford for the time being, and to be certified by them, as aforesaid; which said Commissioners, or the more part of them, shall haue full power to cleanse, scowre, open, and make nauigable the said Riuer of Thames from the said City of Oxon, to the Village of Bercott aforesaid, And for that purpose, to digge the bankes of the said Riuer, or other ground, ditch, broode or streame, neere thereunto adioyning, And to cut away all trees, and roots of trees, that may be hurtfull or hinderance to the said passage, and to open, prepare, or make all Weares, and Locks or Turneputes, fit for the said passage, and to remoone any thing that shall be any impediment or stop to the steering and making of the said passage, And likewise to cut, scowre, or open any other Streame or Water-course, that shall be most conuenient for

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making the ſayd paſſage or Riuer nauigable; And likewiſe to make and erect any Wharffes, Lockes, or Turnepickes, or pennes for water, in, or neere the ſayd Riuer or paſſage, that ſhall be fit or neceſſary for the ſame, And to bring, lay, and worke all materials requiſite for the making, erecting, and repairing of the ſaid Lockes or Turnepicks, vpon the banks or ground neere the ſaid Riuer or paſſage.

And for that the doing of the things aforeſaid, may be preiudiciall to the inheritance and profit of diuers perſons, bodies Politique or Corporate, that haue land adioyning to the ſaid Riuer or paſſage; Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, That the Commiſſioners aforeſaid, or the more part of them, before they doe meddle with the Lands, Inheritance, or poſſeſſion of any perſon or perſons, bodies Politique or Corporate, ſhall firſt agree with ſuch perſons or body Politique or Corporate, for the loſſe and dammage that any of them ſhall any way receiue by the making of the ſayd paſſage, or any thing concerning the ſame: And if the ſayd Commiſſioners, or the more part of them, and the partie or parties, owner of ſuch Lands, inheritance or poſſeſſions, cannot agree touching the value thereof, that then the three next Iuſtices of Peace of the Countie where the Land doeth lie, being no parties, nor dwelling within the Vniuerſitie or City of Oxon, nor intereſſed in the ſoyle, dwelling neereſt to the ſaid Land or Inheritance: Or in their default, the Iuſtices of Aſſiſe of the ſayd Countie of Oxon, ſhall determine, appoint, and ſet downe, what, and how much ſatisfaction euery ſuch perſon or perſons, body Politique or Corporate, ſhall haue for, or in reſpect of the ſayd loſſes, ſo by him or them to be ſuſtained: And the ſayd price, or value ſo ſet downe by them, ſhall binde all parties; which agreement or order ſo made, ſhall be ſet downe in writing vnder the hands and ſeales of the ſaid Commiſſioners and parties, vpon the agreement betweene them made, or of the ſaid Iuſtices of the Peace, or Iuſtices of Aſſiſe of the ſaid Countie, which ſhall ſet downe the ſaid price for ſatisfaction, within three moneths after the firſt reſort vnto them for that cauſe, according to this Acte: And the ſame to be kept among the Euidences of the ſayd Vniuerſitie, and to be regiſtred in the Lieger bookes of the ſayd Vniuerſitie, and to be enrolled in the Court of the ſayd City of Oxford: And that then vpon pay-

ment of such summe or summes of money, so agreed vpon or ordered, as aforesaid, or tender thereof made, with purpose to pay the same, It shall then be lawfull to, and for the sayd Commissioners, or more part of them, to digge, and make, or cause to be digged or made, the sayd Lockes, Wharffes, passage, or doe any such other acte, for which any such agreement or order shall be made, as aforesaid.

And for that the said passage cannot be effected and maintained, without great charge, and that the principall benefit thereof will redound immediatly to the Vniuersitie and City of Oxford, aforesaid, Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sayd Commissioners, or the more part of them, by this present Acte, shall haue full power and authoritie, to taxe and assesse the inhabitants within the said Vniuersitie and City of Oxon, or within either of them, and Suburbs thereof, and bodies Politique and Corporate within the same, at such reasonable summes and payments for the purposes aforesayd, as they in their discretions shall thinke meete: the sayd summes, and euery of them to bee disposed and employed, for, and towards the bearing of the charge of the making and mainteining of the sayd passage.

And whereas the sayd Vniuersitie and Citie are the procurers of the sayd passage; Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, That the Commissioners aforesayd, or the more part of them, by vertue of this Acte, shall haue power and authority from time to time, with the consent of the Vicechancellor of the said Vniuersitie, and Mayor of the Citie of Oxford for the time being, to ordeine, and make Orders and constitutions for the good and orderly vsage of the sayd passage, and for all Lockes, Weares, or Turnepicks thereof, to be made and maintained at the charge of the Vniuersity and Citie of Oxon, aforesaid: And for all Boates, Boatemen Passengers, Wharfes, carriages, and rates for carriages, by, or through the sayd Passage, and all things concerning the same: And to set, lay, and execute such reasonable paines and punishments vpon the breakers thereof, as they shall thinke fit. Neuertheless, the Justices of Assise of the sayd Countie of Oxford for the time being, vpon complaint made to them by any person grieued with the sayd taxations, assessements, charges, Orders, constitutions, paynes and punishments, or

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any of them, shall and may abridge, moderate, or reforme the same, as they shall finde iust cause.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesayd, That when any of the sayd Commissioners shall happen to dye, or become vnfit for the seruice, That then, and so often, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, for the time being, from time to time to supply, appoint and authorize one Commissioner, or so many Commissioners to bee nominated, chosen, and certified, as aforesayd, out of, and for the sayd Vniuersity, or Citie respectiuely, as shall make and fill vp the full number of eight Commissioners: And that the Commissioners aforesayd, or the more part of them, by the authority of this Acte, shall haue full power to chuse, nominate, and appoint one or more such person or persons, as they shall thinke fit, to collect, gather, and lay out the sayd seuerall summes, and the person or persons so appointed, shall gather and take vp the sayd summes assessed by distresse, and sale of goods of euery person refusing to pay the taxe, or assessement imposed vpon him, restoring to the person, whose goods shall bee so distrayned, the ouer-plus (if any bee) of the price thereof, being solde. And for that the sayd passage from Bircot aforesayd, to the sayd Citie of Oxford, is against the streame, the Barges, Boates, Lighters, or other Vessels, must of necessity in some places, and at some times bee haled vp by strength of men, horses, winches, engins, or other meanes in that behalfe conuenient; Bee it therefore enacted by the authority of this present Acte, That it shall and may be lawfull to, and for Watermen, Boatmen, Bargemen, and other helpers of them in conuenient places, to haue and vse Winches, Ropes, and other engins, and with the same by strength of men and horses, or either of them, going vp the Land or Bankes neere the sayd Riuer or passage through the said passage, without the hinderance, trouble, or impeachment of any person or persons, to draw or hale vp the Barges, Boates, Lighters, or other Vessels, doing none other harme, then onely by going or treading vpon the sayd Land or Bankes neere adioyning, as aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, that no priuiledged person of the Vniuersitie of Oxford shall bee taxed, as aforesayd, without the consent of two, or more of the Commissioners, of or for the

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sayd Vniuersitie, nor any Free-man inhabiting of, or in the sayd Citie, or the Suburbes or Liberties thereof, shall bee tared, as aforesaid, without the consent of two, or more of the Commissioners, of or for the sayd Citie.

Prouided also, That this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall giue power and authoritie to the sayd Commissioners, or inable them to doe any acte or thing, whereby the sayd Riuer of Thames shall bee diuerted or turned out of his ancient course or channell, wherein the same now runneth, or to draw more water thence, then shall conuenientlie serue for the sayd passage.

And be it further enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, That one Acte of Parliament made in the third yeere of the Kings Maiesties Reigne, the twentieth Chapter, (intituled, An Acte for clearing the passage by water from London, to and beyond the Citie of Oxon) shall be from henceforth vtterly repealed, and of none effect.

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ANNO XXI.

Iacobi Regis.

An Acte for the confirmation of the Subsidies, granted by the Clergie.



Here the Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterbury, for diuers weighty considerations, respecting his Maiesties extraordinary occasions, haue louingly, and liberally giuen and granted to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, foure whole and entire Subsidies of foure shillings in the pound, to be taken and leuied, of all and singular their promotions Spirituall within the same Prouince, at such dayes and times, and in such certaine maner and forme, and with such exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and deliuered in a certaine Instrument by them thereof made, and deliuered vnto the Kings Maiestie, vnder the Seale of the most reuerend Father in God, George, now Archbishop of Canterbury, and Primate of all England, which Instrument is now exhibited in this present Parliament, to bee ratified and confirmed: The tenor whereof ensueth in these words;

PRæcellentissimo & inclytissimo in Christo Principi, & Domino nostro clementissimo, Domino Iacobo, Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ Regi, fidei defensori &c. Georgius, Diuina prouidentia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas & Metropolitanus, omnigenam subiectionem, & obedientiam, sed & fœlicita-

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tem, & ſalutem in ipſo per quem Reges regnant, & Principes dominantur. Sereniſſimæ veſtræ Maieſtati per præſens publicum Inſtrumentum, ſiue has noſtras teſtimoniales literas humillime notum facimus, quòd Prælati & Clerus Prouinciæ noſtræ Cantuarienſis, in Conuocatione, ſiue ſacra Synodo prouinciali, vigore & authoritate Breuis veſtri Regij nobis directi, in Domo capitulari Eccleſiæ veſtræ Cathedralis Sancti Pauli London. viceſimo die Februarij, Anno Domini, iuxta curſum & computationem Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ, milleſimo ſexcenteſimo viceſimo tertio (ex continuatione & prorogatione eiuſdem) inchoata & celebrata, ac de die in diem, & loco in locum, vſque ad & in triceſimũ diem præſentis menſis Aprilis, anno milleſimo ſexcenteſimo viceſimo quarto, poſt meridiem etiam continuata & prorogata, in Eccleſia Collegiata beati Petri Weſtmon. eodem triceſimo die præſentis menſis Aprilis legitimè congregati, pro quibuſdã arduis & vrgentibus cauſis, per nos eis propoſitis, ac inter eos matura conſideratione & deliberatione ponderatis, pro defenſione veſtrorum regnorum & dominiorum, necnon & pro eorum erga Regiam veſtram ſublimitatem obſeruantia & obſequio, quatuor vltronea, ſpontanea & voluntaria Subſidia, magnificentiæ veſtræ Regiæ vnanimi eorum conſenſu, & vniformi aſſenſu dederunt & conceſſerunt, prout tenore præſentis publici inſtrumenti (ſeriem conceſſionis huiuſmodi in ſe continentis) plenius liquet & apparet: humiliter & obnixè Maieſtati veſtræ Regiæ ſupplicantes, quatenus hæc eorum quatuor Subſidia pro ſolita veſtra clementia benignè accipiatis, ac bene conſulere gratioſè dignemini. Tenor verò prædictæ conceſſionis ſequitur de verbo in verbum, & eſt talis.

MOſt gracious Soueraigne, your Maieſties faithfull Subiects, the Prelats and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterbury, being called together by authority of your Highneſſe Writ, and at this preſent being orderly aſſembled in a Prouinciall

Prouinciall Synode or Conuocation, maturely conſidering with themſelues that great and bounden duetie which by the rules of the Sacred Scripture, they doe owe vnto your gracious Maieſtie, as to their Soueraigne Lord, and ſo bountifull a nurſing Father of the Church; And eſpecially for the continuance of the Goſpel, ſo happily, and without mixture preached amongſt them, as alſo for the extraordinary Peace and Tranquillity, both of body and minde, which by the aduanced goodneſſe of God (yet by your meanes) they doe enioy, beyond other Nations and Countreys, that doe lie neere vnto them: And moreouer, as obedient Subiects, well weighing the ſingular care which your Maieſtie hath, for the well guiding and gouerning of all that people, which is by God committed to your charge; And laſtly, not forgetting thoſe great expences, wherewith your Maieſtie is now, and hereafter is more like to be, aſwell for the Honourable ſuſtentation of your Royall Eſtate; as for the neceſſary defence of this your Realme of England, and your other Dominions, whereby is like to grow the ſafety of Religion, both at home and abroad; and of all your well affected Subiects, as a ſpeciall and ſignificant teſtimonie of their Loyall affection, and of that ſeruice which they doe owe, with one agreement and vniforme conſent, Haue giuen and granted, and by theſe preſents doe giue and grant to your Highneſſe, your Heires and Succeſſours, foure whole and entire Subſidies, of foure ſhillings in the pound, in manner and forme as heere followeth.

That is to ſay, That euery Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouoſt, Maſter of Colledge, Prebendary, Parſon, and Vicar, and euery other perſon and perſons, of what ſoeuer name or degree hee or they bee, within the Prouince of Canterbury, hauing or enioying any Spirituall Promotion, or other Temporal poſſeſſion, to the ſame Spirituall Promotion annexed, now not diuided nor ſeparated by Acte of Parliament, or otherwiſe, from the poſſeſſion of the Clergie, ſhall pay to your Highneſſe, your Heires and Succeſſors, for euery pound that he may yearely receiue and diſpend by reaſon of the ſaid Spirituall Promotion, the ſumme of foure ſhillings for euery of the ſayd foure Subſidies. And for the true and certaine value of all the Promotions and euery of them, whereof the paiment of theſe foure Subſidies ſhall bee made, the Rate, Taxation, Valuation, and Eſtimation now

remaining of Record in your Maiesties Court of Exchequer, for the payment of a perpetuall Tithe or Tenth, granted vnto King Henry the eight of worthy memory, in the fifte and twentieth yeere of his Reigne, concerning such Promotions as now be in the possession of the Clergie, shall onely be followed and obserued, without making any other Valuation, Rate, Taxation or Estimation, then in the said Record is comprised.

Prouided alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth part of the said Rate and Valuation before mentioned, is yeerely payed to your Highnesse for the said perpetuall Tithe or Tenth, so as there remaine onely nine parts yeerely, for the Incumbent cleare, These foure Subsidies of foure shillings of the pound, shall be vnderstood and meant onely of euery full pound of the said nine parts, and nothing for any other money, not amounting to a full pound.

And your Prelates and Clergie doe also grant, that these foure Subsidies of foure shillings of the full pound of the nine parts of the yeerely value of euery Spirituall promotion aforesaid, within the said Prouince tared as is aforesaid, shall be payd to your Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, in maner and forme followings That is to say, the whole payment of the first of these foure Subsidies, (viz.) foure shillings of euery full pound, as aforesayd, to be due, at and vpon the first day of June now next ensuing, which shall be in this present yeere of our Lord God one thousand fiue hundred twenty and foure: And the first payment and moytie of the second of the sayd foure Subsidies, viz. two shillings of euery full pound, as aforesaid, to be due, at, and vpon the first day of December then next and immediatly following in the same yeere: And the second payment and moytie of the second of the said foure Subsidies, viz. two shillings of euery full pound, as aforesaid, to be due, at, & vpon the first day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundred twenty and fiue: And the first payment and moytie of the third of the sayd foure Subsidies, viz. two shillings of euery full pound, as aforesaid, to be due, at and vpon the first day of December, then next and immediatly following in the same yeere: And the second payment and moytie of the third of the said foure Subsidies, viz. two shillings of euery full pound, as aforesayd, to be due, at and vpon the first day of June then next and immediatly following, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God,

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one thouſand ſixe hundred twenty and ſixe: And the firſt payment and moytie of the fourth and laſt of theſe foure Subſidies, viz. two ſhillings of euery full pound, as aforeſaid, to be due, at and vpon the firſt day of December, then next and immediatly following, in the ſame yeere: And the ſecond and laſt payment and moytie of the fourth and laſt of theſe foure Subſidies, to be due, at and vpon the firſt day of June, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand ſixe hundred twenty and ſeuen, to bee deliuered and payd by ſuch perſon and perſons, as in this preſent Grant ſhal be appointed to haue the collection therof, to the Lord high Treaſurer, or Vndertreaſurer of England for the time being, or to ſuch perſon or perſons, & in ſuch place or places, as ſhall pleaſe your Highneſſe to appoynt to be payd, viz. the whole payment of the firſt of the ſaid foure Subſidies, which ſhalbe due, at and vpon the firſt day of June now next enſuing, to bee made, at or before the laſt day of Auguſt then next and immediatly following: And the firſt payment of euery of the other three Subſidies, which ſhalbee due, at and vpon the firſt day of December, as aforeſaid, to be made, at or before the laſt day of February next following euery of the aforeſayd dayes, when the ſayd payments, or Moities ſhall be due: And the ſecond payment of euery of the ſayd three Subſidies, which ſhall bee due, vpon the firſt day of June, as aforeſaid, to be made, at or before the laſt day of Auguſt next following, after euery of the aforeſayd dayes, when the ſayd payments, or Moities ſhall bee due, without paying any thing to the Receiuer, or to any other perſon or officer, to bee aſſigned for the receit thereof, for any acquittance, or other diſcharge, or diſpatch, vpon any ſuch payment or receipt of the ſayd foure Subſidies, or any part thereof, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clerke for the writing of the acquittance or diſcharge for euery of the ſayd payments.

Prouided alwayes, that no perſon that is, or hereafter ſhall be promoted to any Benefice, or Spirituall promotion, and hath compounded, or ſhall compound with your Maieſtie, your Heires or Succeſſors, for the firſt fruits of the ſame, from the firſt day of June laſt paſt, viz. in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand ſixe hundreth twenty and three, and on this ſide the firſt day of June now next enſuing, which ſhall bee in this preſent yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand ſixe hundreth twenty and foure, ſhall bee contributory or

charged for the same Benefice, or promotion to your Highnes, your Heires or Successors, with any part of the first of the sayd foure Subsidies, due vpon the first day of June now next ensuing: And that no person, which hereafter shall be promoted to any Benefice, or Spirituall promotion, and shall compound with your Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, for the first fruits of the same, from the first day of June, which shall bee in this present yeere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundreth twenty and foure, and on this side the first day of June, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundreth twenty and seuen, shall bee contributory or charged for the same Benefice, or promotion to your Highnesse, your Heires or Successors, with any part of the other three Subsidies, during the first yeere, after the time of any such compounding for his first fruits.

Item, your Highnesse said Prelates and Clergy doe grant, that euery Archbishop, Bishop, and (the See being void) euery Deane and Chapter of that See void, and none other person or persons shall bee Collector of the sayd foure Subsidies, within their proper Diocesse, during the time appointed for the payment of the said foure Subsidies.

And your said Prelates and Clergie, doe most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may bee enacted by your Maiestie, and your high Court of Parliament, (for the speedy payment of the said foure Subsidies, and to auoid delayes thereof) that when, and as often as any Collector or Collectors, chargeable with the collection of these said foure Subsidies, or any part thereof, or their, or any of their vndercollector, or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment of the sayd foure Subsidies, or of any part of them to the vse of your Maiestie, your heires or successors, to any person or persons, appointed to receiue the same by your Highnesse, or by the Lord high Treasurer, that the said person or persons so appointed, shall within foure dayes next after such appointment, receiue, or cause to be receiued the money so offered to be payed, without any further delay, and deliuer one sufficient bill testifying the receipt thereof, to the said Collector, or his vndercollector or deputie, vpon euery such particular payment: And that euery such Auditor as is, or shall bee appointed to take or receiue the accompt of any such Collector or Collectors, or of their seuerall vndercollectors, or deputies, shall within fiue dayes, next after request to him

to bee made, truely and indifferently, take the said accompt, and make allowance, as by this Grant is appointed, vpon paine that euery such person or persons, appointed to receiue the same summe or summes of money so offered, and euery such Auditor, shall lose and forfeit, for euery default or delay to bee made to the Collector or Collectors, Undercollector or Undercollectors, Deputie or Deputies, so offering to make payment or accompt, as is aforesayd, the summe of tenne pounds of lawfull money of England; the one moytie thereof to be to your Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, & the other moitie to the sayd collector or collectors, vndercollector or vndercollectors, Deputy or Deputies so grieued, the same to bee payed, vpon complaint to bee made to the sayde Lord Treasurer or Undertreasurer, or to the Lord chiefe Baron of your Maiesties Court of Exchequer, who vpon such complaint shall presently examine the matter, and finding default, shall commit the offender to Warde, there to remaine vntill he shall haue payd the seuerall summes so forfeited.

And for the better leuying and recouering of these foure Subsidies, or any of them, your said Prelates & Clergie doe likewise most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may bee enacted by your Maiestie, and your sayd high Court of Parliament, in manner and forme following: (that is to say) That euery Collector of the said foure Subsidies and of euery part & parcell of them, and their lawfull Undercollector or Undercollectors, Deputy or Deputies, may haue full power and authority to vse all such wayes & meanes, and Processe, as be prescribed in the Act of perpetuall Disme for the collection and leuying thereof, and may make accompt of the same before the Lord high Treasurer, or Undertreasurer of England for the time being, or any other officer by your Highnesse, or your Court of Exchequer to bee appointed for the same, and in such place as your Maiestie shall likewise assigne in such wise, and after such forme onely as the sayd Archbishop & Bishops be now charged to make account for the sayd perpetuall Disme and Tenth: whereby is meant, that the lache and default of payment of, & for any Spirituall promotion or promotions, shall onely charge such Incumbent or Incumbents, and such others as be bound to pay the same. And that the Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, and Chapter, gathering that which they can receiue, and making payment thereof, shall for the rest not by them receiued be discharged

charged by their Certificate, to bee made vnto your Highnesse Court of Exchequer, for euery of the aforesayd payments, which shall be due vpon the first day of June, in any of the aforesaid yeeres, at or before the last day of August next following euery of the aforesayd dayes, when euery of the sayd payments shall be due: And for euery of the aforesayd payments, which shall be due vpon the first day of December, in any of the aforesayd yeeres, at, or before the last day of Februarie next, and immediatly following euery of the aforesayd dayes, when the sayd payments shall bee due, and that sixe pence of euery pound wherewith the Collector shall bee charged in his account, clearely to be payd into the receipt of your Maiesties Exchequer, or into such other place as shall please your Highnesse to appoynt, shall be allowed vnto the said Collector vpon his account for the same, at euery of the aforesayd seuerall times of payment, for the charges of the sayd collection, portage, safe conueying and paying of the sayd foure Subsidies.

And moreouer, that it may bee enacted likewise, that after any payment of the sayd foure Subsidies shall be once due by vertue of this Grant, if any Incumbent of any Benefice, or promotion Spirituall, charged to the payment of any of the sayd foure Subsidies, or any part thereof, being at any time after that the same payment shall be due, lawfully monished, either personally, or at his Dignity, Stall, Church, or Mansion house, by the Archbishop or Bishop of the Diocesse, or his vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies, or by the Deane and Chapter (the See being voyde) or by any of their vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies, authorized in that behalfe, to appeare by himselfe or his deputie, at a certaine day and place of conuenient distance to the sayd Incumbent then to bee signified & prefixed, and then and there to pay such part of the sayd foure Subsidies for his Benefice or promotion Spirituall, or the whole, as then by vertue of this Grant shall be due, doe not, either at the same day and place so to him signified and prefixed, truely content and pay, or cause to be contented and payed such payments of the said foure Subsidies, as then by him shall bee due to be payed vnto the same Archbishop or Bishop, or to his vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chapter of any See being voyd, or to their vndercollector or vndercollectors, Deputie or Deputies, or to one of them,

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shewing sufficient deputation from the said Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chapter, vnder his or their Seale in that behalfe, being ready at the said day and place so signified and prefixed, to receiue any payment of the said foure Subsidies then due, & openly demanding the same, or else pay euery of the payments of the said foure Subsidies giuen by this Graunt, within fiftie dayes next after any such prefixed dayes of warning at the furthest, (so that open demand be made of euery of the said payments of the said foure Subsidies, in, and at the said place and day before prefixed) That then euery Incumbent so making default of any of the payments aforesaid, which shall be due from him for any of the parts of the sayd foure Subsidies, as aforesaid, after such default thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer in writing, vnder the seale and hand-writing of any Archbishop or Bishop, or the common seale of the Deane & Chapter (the See being void) charged with the collection of the said foure Subsidies, or any part thereof, so that the said Certificate shalbe made according to the forme hereafter expressed, and exhibited into your Maiesties sayd Court of Exchequer, viz. for euery of the aforesaid payments of the said foure Subsidies which shall be due the first day of June in any of the foresaid yeeres, at or before the last day of August next following euery of the aforesaid dayes, when euery of the said payments shall be due: And for euery of the aforesaid paiments which shall be due vpon the first day of December in any of the aforesaid yeeres, at or before the last day of February next following euery of the aforesaid dayes, when euery of the said payments shall be due, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and lose vnto your Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, all the profits which of that onely dignity, Benefice or Promotion, for the which hee maketh such default of payment, and whereof such Certificate shall be made, shall come, grow, and arise vnto him (ouer and aboue the charges of seruing the Cure, and the annuall Tenth due to be payd out of his sayd Liuing) in one whole yeere next after such Certificate made and deliuered vnto your Highnesse Court of Exchequer, and there admitted, in case the said Incumbent shall so long liue: And that euery such Certificate of any such default of payment, shall be made according to the tenor and effect ensuing; (mutatis mutandis.)

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Anno xxj.

Honorabilibus & egregijs viris, Domino Theſaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario Illuſtriſſimi Domini noſtri, Domini Iacobi, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Regis, fidei defenſoris, &c.

Veſter humilis I. permiſſione diuina L. Epiſcopus, authoritate & vigore cuiuſdam Actus Parliamenti, anno regni dicti Domini Regis, ſcilicet, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ xxij. & Scotiæ lvij. editi & prouiſi, ad colligend. & leuand. quatuor Subſidia eidem Domino Regi in eodem Parliamento per Prælatos & Clerum Cantuarien. prouinciæ conceſſa, viz. pro ſolutione primi & integri Subſidij ſoluend. primo die Iunij vltimo præterit. infra Diœceſim noſtram L. deputatus & authorizatus, omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore: Veſtris reuerentijs harum ſerie annuncio & certifico, me præfatum Epiſcopum modo quo præfertur deputat. & authorizat. ſufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requiſiuiſſe per N. O. Subcollectorem, ſeu deputatum meum in hac parte, de quouis beneficio & promotione eccleſiaſtica in quadam Schedula præſentibus annexa ſpecificatis, ſummas ſolutionis dicti primi integri Subſidij pro dictis beneficijs & promotionibus debitas & ſoluendas dicto primo die Iunij vltimo præterit. prout in eadem Schedula præſentibus annexa plenius liquet & apparet. Sed dictas ſummas ex cauſis in eadem Schedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei teſtimonium Sigillum meum præſentibus appoſui. Dat. die menſis Anno Dom.

The forme of which Schedule aboue mentioned enſueth.

Ciuitas L. vel Decanatus de H. A. B. Rector vel Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud prædict. die vltimo præterit. per N. O. Subcollectorem ſeu deputatum meum ad ſoluend. apud Eccleſiam de L. in Com. R. die prox. ſeq. ſolutionem, ſiue illam partem dicti primi & integri Subſidij

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per ipſum debit. primo die Iunij vltimo præterit. pro promotione ſua prædicta: Sed prædictus A.B. nec apud Eccleſiam de L. prædictam eodem die, nec alibi per quinquaginta dies poſtea ſummam per ipſum debitam (vt præfertur) ſoluit vel ſatisfecit, neque dictam ſummam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo levare ſiue recipere potuit.

Prouided alwayes, that if any Parſon or Incumbent chargeable by this Act or Grant to any paiment of theſe foure Subſidies, or any part thereof, ſhall proffer and tender payment of any ſumme due to the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or to the Deane and Chapter where the See is voyd, or to any vndercollector or vndercollectors, deputie or deputies of any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or Deane and Chapter aforeſayd, at any time before the certificate exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforeſayd, that then notwithſtanding the Certificate made, as is aforeſayd againſt any ſuch perſon, the ſayd Incumbent or perſon againſt whom the Certificate was ſo made, ſhall and may averre the offer and tender of his payment, as is aforeſaid, and of the ſame ſhall be tried, either by ſufficient witneſſes before the Lord Treaſurer, and Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vpon any iſſue thereupon to bee ioyned betwixt the ſaid Incumbent, and any other perſon or perſons, that hee, or any for him did offer and tender payment of the ſumme due, as aforeſaid: which being found for the Incumbent, then euery ſuch Incumbent ſhall haue and enioy his promotion or promotions ſtill without forfeiture, or loſing to your Maieſtie, your heires or ſucceſſours, any the profits thereof, and as though no certificate or default of any ſuch payment had beene made or exhibited, any thing in this preſent Grant or Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And further that it may bee enacted likewiſe, that euery Archbiſhop and Biſhop, and Deane and Chapter of euery See vacant, and other perſons chargeable to and with the collection of theſe foure Subſidies, within the ſaid Prouince of Canterbury, ſhall and may haue vpon euery payment of the ſame foure Subſidies made to the Lord high Treaſurer, and Vndertreaſurer of England for the time being, or to ſuch other perſon or perſons, in place and places, to whom & where it ſhall pleaſe your Highneſſe, or your Court of Exchequer to appoint:

appoint for the receipt thereof, at euery of the aforesaid times of payment, a sufficient acquittance, discharge, or Quietus est in writing of the aforesayd Lord high Treasurer or Undertreasurer, or of such other person or persons as either your Highnesse, or your sayd Court of Exchequer shall assigne for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in the like cases it hath bin accustomed, the same acquittance, discharge, or Quietus est witnessing the receipt of so much of the same summe of the said foure Subsidies, as shall bee so receiued, and euery such acquittance, discharge, or Quietus est in writing, subscribed with the name or names of the Lord high Treasurer, or Undertreasurer for the time being, or of such Auditor, or other person or persons as it shall please your Highnesse or your sayd Court of Exchequer to appoynt for the same receipt, or of such others, as heretofore in like cases it hath bin vsed, shall and may be good and effectual in the Law, and bee also as sufficient a discharge to all and euery of the sayd Collectors, to all such intents, constructions and purposes, as if the same were made by Act of Parliament. And that euery of the sayd Collectors shall pay but onely three Shillings foure pence for euery generall or finall Acquittance, Discharge, or Quietus est for euery payment of the sayd foure Subsidies. And if any person so assigned shall refuse, or delay to make such a generall or finall Acquittance, Discharge, or Quietus est for any payment of the said foure Subsidies, or shall require or take for the same any more then three shillings foure pence: Or if any other Officer of the Exchequer shall require or take of any Collector or Collectors, or of his or their Undercollector or Undercollectors, Deputy or Deputies, in respect of the collection, payment or account of the sayd foure Subsidies, or any part thereof, or for expedition, or for any other cause, or pretence whatsoeuer concerning the same, any Fees or summes of money, other then are before in this present Grant expressly allowed vnto them, shall forfeit the sum of Tenne Pounds of lawfull money of England, to bee payd and recouered in like manner, and to the same vses, as is before limited and expressed in this Grant, touching the like forfeitures of Receiuers and Auditors: And also that euery particular acquittance, which vpon any payment of the said foure Subsidies shalbe made by any Collector or Collectors of the said foure Subsidies, or of any payment of them, or by his or their Undercollector, or Undercollectors,

lectors, Deputie or Deputies, in that behalfe, to any Incumbent of any Benefice, or promotion Spirituall, or to any person or persons contributory and chargeable, to and with the said foure Subsidies, or any part or payment of them, shall be good and effectuall in Law, and a full and sufficient discharge to euery such Incumbent and other person, and his Benefice and promotion Spirituall, of and for all such summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittance shalbe acknowledged to be receiued, in respect of the same Benefice or promotion Spirituall, for any paiment, or any part of the said foure Subsidies: And that none acquittance of any other person or persons made before such Certificate, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion for any part of payment of his said Subsidies, nor of any paine, penaltie or forfeiture specified in this Grant. And to the intent it may be knowen to the Court of Exchequer, who be the Under Collector or Under Collectors, Deputie or Deputies, of euery such Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chapter authorised to receiue the same, and to make acquittance thereof, euery Archbishop, Bishop, and Deane and Chapter of any See being voide, shall yeerely, together with their Certificates afore mentioned, certifie the names of euery of the Under Collectors or Deputies to be appointed, as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwayes, that no Collector of these foure Subsidies, or of any part of them, shall vse any Processe or compulsory meanes, or exact any Fees or summes of money for the same, or otherwise, of any person for not paying the said foure Subsidies, or any part thereof, at such certaine day and place, as shall be by the Collector, or his Under Collector or Deputy prefixed, in case the said person shall tender the same vnto the Collector, or his Under Collector or Deputie, within twentie dayes next after such prefixed day. And that the said Collectors shall not by themselues, nor any other, take of any person, for the receipt of any seuerall paiment of the said foure Subsidies, and for his acquittance thereupon, any more then foure pence, by any colour or pretext whatsoeuer.

Prouided alwayes, that no Spirituall promotions, nor any Lands, Possessions, or Reuenues annexed to the same, being charged by this Grant of the Prouince of Canterbury, or any goods or chattels growing, being, or renewing vpon the same, or elsewhere appertaining to the owners of the sayd Spirituall promotions, or to any of them, shall be charged or

made contributory to any Fifteene or Tenth, or to any other Subsidie already granted to your Highnesse by the Laytie, or hereafter to be granted, during the time appointed by this Grant for the payment of the said foure Subsidies.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Maisters, Wardens, and Prebendaries of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches, and Colledges, or any of them within the said Prouince, shal be chatged with these foure Subsidies for those possessions, reuenues, and promotions onely, which to their seuerall promotions, dignities and roumes, are clearely and distinctly limited, and to their onely vse seuered, thereof to pay (the tenth part being deducted) for euery and each of the said foure Subsidies, foure shillings of euery full pound, in maner and forme, as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rents, possessions, profits, portions, hereditaments, and Spirituall promotions, and euery of them heretofore by your Highnesse, or any of the Kings or Queenes of this Realme, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, giuen, granted, bequeathed, deuised, or impropriated vnto the said Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, or to any of them, which any wayes bee assigned, employed or vsed, either for, or towards the yeerely maintenance of readers of Diuinitie, Poore men, Schoolemaisters, Vshers, Grammarians, Petty Canons, Conducts, Vicars choral, Singingmen, Choristers, Virgers, Sextons, or of any other necessary, or daily officers or Ministers in such Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches, or Colledges, or any of them, or for, or towards the reedifying or repairing of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colledges, shall not be charged with any part of these foure Subsidies; the certaintie of which portions, as well chargeable to these foure Subsidies, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbishop, or Bishop of the Diocesse, or (the See being voide) the Deane and Chapter, or any other, to whom the same shall or may appertaine, vpon due search and examination shal certifie vnder his or their Seales, into your Highnesse said Court of Exchequer, at or before the seuerall dayes aforesaid, appointed for the paiments of the said foure Subsidies.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall person, paying any pension, whereof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or Benefice, shall and may retaine to his owne vse and reliefe, so much of euery

pound of euery such pension, for euery payment of these foure Subsidies, as hee standeth charged by this Grant, to pay for euery part and payment of these foure Subsidies, out of euery pound, for the whole valuation of his Spirituall Promotion; Any Couenant, Grant, or Bond to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and your said Prelates and Clergie, doe most humbly beseech your highnesse, that it may bee enacted by your Maiesties authority, and your high Court of Parliament, that where certaine lands, tenements, rents, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, fruits, and other hereditaments, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall within the said Prouince of Canterbury, which were giuen and assigned to bee bestowed and spent, in, and on finding and maintaining of certaine Chantries, Anniuersaries, Obites, Lights, Lampes, and other like charges, intents, and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late king of famous memory, Edward the first, by force of a Statute thereof made in the first yeere of his Reigne, as by the said Statute more plainely appeareth; that the Cathedrall Churches, and the Bishops, Deanes, or Presidents, & Chapters, and Prebendaries of the same, and all other places and persons Ecclesiasticall, and euery of them, to whom the said Lands, Rents, and other the premisses, or any of them did lately appertaine, shal not, during the time appointed by this Grant for the payment of the said foure Subsidies, be charged to, and with any payment of Subsidie, of, and for that part and portion of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Spirituall promotions, and other Hereditaments, or any of them, whereunto the said late King, by force of the said Statute, was intituled or possessed of, nor of any yeerely Rents or paiments, going out of the said Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesaid: And that deduction and allowance thereof be made to them, and euery of them accordingly, in and vpon euery payment of the sayde foure Subsidies, out of the whole valuation, taxation, and estimation made for the payment of the said perpetuall disme or Tenth, remaining of Record in your Highnesse Court of Exchequer, as aforesaid, for the rate and portion of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Spirituall promotions, and other Hereditaments, and those yeerely payments whereunto

the said late King was intituled or possessed of, or which since the making of the said Statute, by reason they haue beene found as Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, or other Hereditaments, concealed from the said late King Edward the sixt, the late King Henry the eight, the late Queene Mary, the late Queene Elizabeth, or any of them, or from your Maiestie, or otherwise are seuered from the possessions of the sayd Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesaid, or of any of them, by force of the Statute premised, or any otherwise.

Prouided also, that these foure Subsidies granted by the Clergie, or any part of them, shall not be demanded or leuyed out of any Benefice, house of Students, or Colledge, scituate or set within either of the Uniuersities of Oxford, or Cambridge, or any Benefice, Lands, or other reuenues vnto the said Uniuersities, or either of them, or to any house of Students or Colledge in any of the said Uniuersities vnited, appropriated, or appertaining, or out of any Benefice, Lands or reuenues of the Colledge of Windsor, or of the Colledge of Westminster, or of the Colledge of Eaton neere Windsor, or of the Colledge called Saint Maries Colledge by Winchester, founded by William Wickham, sometimes Bishop of Winchester, or of any Hospitals, Almes houses, or Grammar Schooles, or of any Church, Benefice, or other reuenues to the said Colledges, Hospitals, Almes-houses, or Grammar Schooles, or to any of them annexed, appropriated, or otherwise appertaining.

Prouided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose Benefices are not aboue fiue pounds, thirteene shillings foure pence by the yeere, after the taxation aforesaid, shall not bee charged with these foure Subsidies, or any part of the same.

Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose Benefice is eight pounds or aboue, and not aboue ten pounds by the yeere, after the taxation aforesaid, shall pay vnto your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors vpon the first day of June, which shall be in this present yeere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundred twenty and foure, thirteene shillings & foure pence, and thenceforth fiue shillings & eight pence at euery payment of these other three Subsidies, at such times, and to such persons, as is aforesaid, for his part of the said three Subsidies. And if any [illegible] bee vnder eight pounds by the taxation

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aforesaid, the Incumbent shall not be charged with any part or payment of the said foure Subsidies.

And for the sure and true payment of these foure Subsidies, granted by your said Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterbury, according to the tenour, purpose, effect, and true meaning of this present Grant, your said Prelates & Cleargy most humbly desire your Highnesse, that this their said Gift, Grant, and foure Subsidies, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions, reseruations, and sentences in this Instrument contained, concerning the said foure Subsidies, may be ratified, established and confirmed by the authority of your Highnesse Court of Parliament.

In quorum omnium & singulorum præmissorum fidem & testimonium, Nos Georgius, Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis antedictus, has præsentes literas nostras Testimoniales, siue hoc præsens publicum Instrumentum, ad humilem rogatum prælatorum & Cleri prædict. Sigilli nostri appensione, ac signo, nomine & subscriptione Iohannis Drake Notarii publici deputat. Nicholai Weston Registrarii nostri principalis, iussimus & fecimus communiri. Dat. dicto tricesimo die mensis Aprilis, Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo quarto, Regnique vestri fœliciſſimi, scilicet Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ, vicesimo secundo, & Scotiæ quinquagesimo septimo, & nostræ Translationis anno decimo quarto.

Wherefore, for the true and sure payment of the said Subsidies, granted by the said Prelates & Clergie of the said Prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenor, effect, and true meaning of the said Instrument, Bee it enacted by the Kings most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the said gift, and grant, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause, and sentence in the same Instrument contayned, shall stand, and be ratified, established, and confirmed by the authoritie of this present Parliament.

And further, be it enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, that euery person that shall be appointed to the collecting and gathering

thering of the ſaid Subſidies, ſhall haue power and authoꝛi-tie to leuie, take, and perceiue, the ſaid Subſidies by the au-thoꝛity of the cenſures of the Church, that is to ſay, by Sul-penſion, Excommunication, oꝛ Interdiction, and alſo by Se-queſtration of the fruites and pꝛofits of their Benefices and Pꝛomotions Spirituall, in whoſe hands ſoeuer they be, and to make ſale of the ſame fruits without danger of the Lawes of this Realme, oꝛ by diſtreſſe vpon the poſſeſſions of the Far-moꝛs, oꝛ Occupiers of the Lands and Tenements, charge-able by the ſayd Inſtrument, foꝛ, oꝛ to the payment of any ſumme oꝛ ſummes of money to bee due by foꝛce thereof, oꝛ o-therwiſe, by the diſcretion of the Collectoꝛ thereof. And that no Repleuie, Pꝛohibition, oꝛ Superſedeas, ſhall be allowed oꝛ obeyed, foꝛ any perſons making default of the payment of the ſayd Subſidies, oꝛ any of them, contrary to the tenoꝛ of the Graunt thereof, vntill ſuch time as they haue truely ſatiſfied and contented all ſuch part and poꝛtions, as to them in that behalfe appertaineth. And that euery ſuch Far-moꝛ and Farmoꝛs, their executoꝛs and aſſignes, that ſhall foꝛtune hereafter to bee charged, to, oꝛ with the payment of the ſayd Subſidies, oꝛ any part thereof, ſhall by the autho-rity afoꝛeſaid, be allowed, and retaine in his hands as much of his yeerely Rent and Farme, as the ſumme which he ſhall foꝛtune to pay foꝛ his Loꝛd oꝛ Leaſour ſhall extend vnto, (ex-cept that the ſaid Farmoꝛ oꝛ Farmoꝛs, their Executoꝛs oꝛ Aſſignes, by the Leaſe and Grant that they haue of any part of the Lands, Tithes, Pꝛofits, oꝛ Tenements, chargeable to the ſaid Subſidies, oꝛ by foꝛce of any Couenant oꝛ Article therein contained, be bound and charged to pay the ſame, and thereof to diſcharge the Leaſour and Landloꝛd, during the terme mentioned in the ſaid Leaſe.)

And likewiſe, be it enacted by the authoꝛity of this pꝛeſent Parliament, That whereas diuers Curats, lyable to the Subſidies, being oftentimes remoueable, doe ſerue, aſwell in diuers Impꝛopꝛiations belonging to the Kings Maie-ſty, as in other Spirituall pꝛomotions belonging to other perſons, that foꝛ the ſpeedy recouery of the ſaid Subſidies, it may bꝛ lawfull to the ſaid Collectoꝛ oꝛ Collectoꝛs of the ſaid Subſidies, their Deputy oꝛ Deputies, to leuie the ſaid Sub-ſidies vpon the Farmour oꝛ Farmours, oꝛ occupiers of all ſuch Impꝛopꝛiations oꝛ Spirituall pꝛomotions, by all cen-ſures of the Church afoꝛeſaid, and euery of them, oꝛ by way of

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distresse of Tythes of the said Impropriation or Impropriations, and Spirituall promotions, or otherwise, upon the goods & chattels of the said Farmor or Farmors and Occupiers: In which case no Invibition, Prohibition, Reprieue, or other Procesle awarded to the contrary, shall be obeyed, any Lawes, Statutes, Priuiledges, or Customes to the contrary hereof heretofore made, granted, or vsed, or hereafter to bee made, granted or vsed to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And that it may bee lawfull to the Collector and other Officers and Ministers of such Archbishop, Bishop, Deane and Chapter, for not paiment of the said Subsidies, after the same shall be due, in, or at any of the said times of paiment, to prize and value the said Distresse or Distresses by two indifferent neighbors by him to be chosen, and the Distresse and Distresses so prized, to sell, and thereof to detaine so much money, as shall amount to the summe payable to the Kings most excellent Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the said Collector sustained in that behalfe, and the rest of the money made of the said Distresse, to bee deliuered and payd to the Owner and Occupier thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authority aforesayd, that euery Lay person, hauing Spirituall promotion chargeable by this Act, and also hauing Temporall possessions, Goods, Chattels, and Debts charged to the said Subsidies, granted in this Parliament by the Temporalty, shal be taxed, charged, and set for his sayd Spirituall promotions, with the Clergie, and his Temporall possessions and Chattels reall with the Temporalty, and not otherwise, any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and euery grant and grants of all and euery summe and summes of money granted, or which hereafter shall bee granted to the Kings Maiestie by the Clergie of the Prouince of Yorke, shall bee of the same strength, force and effect in all things, as the said grant made by the said Prouince of Canterbury, and shall be taxed, certified, collected, leuied, gathered and payd, according to the tenor, forme and effect of this present Act of Parliament, to all intents, constructions and purposes, in such maner and forme, as though it were specially, plainely and particularly expressed and rehearsed in this present Act, by expresse words, termes, and sentences, in their seuerall natures and kindes.

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Prouided alwayes, and beeit enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all prouisions before rehearsed, contained, or to be contained in the sayd graunt of the Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterbury, and the like of the same prouisions contained in the said Graunt of the Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Yorke, shall be good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kept in euery point and article, according to the purport and true meaning of the same.

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ANNO XXI.

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¶ An Acte for the Grant of three intire Subsidies, and three Fifteenes and Tenths, granted by *the Temporaltie.*



MOST Gracious Soueraigne, Wee your Maiesties most humble, faithfull, and loueing Subiects, by your Royall authority now assembled in your High Court of Parliament, hauing entred into serious & due consideration of the weighty and most important causes, which at this time more then at any other time heretofore, do presse your Maiestie to a much greater expence and charge, then your owne Treasure alone can at this present support and maintaine; And likewise of the iniuries and indignities which haue beene lately offered to your Maiestie and your Children, vnder colour, and during the time of the Treaties for the Mariage with Spaine, and the restitution of the Palatinate, which in this Parliament haue beene cleerely discouered and layd open vnto vs; and withall, what humble aduice, with one consent and voyce, we haue giuen vnto your Maiestie, to dissolue those Treaties, which your Maiestie hath beene graciously pleased, to our exceeding ioy and comfort, fully to yeeld vnto, and accordingly haue made your publique declaration for the reall and vtter dissolution of them, by meanes whereof your Maiestie may happily bee ingaged in a sudden Warre: Wee in all humblenesse most ready and willing to giue vnto your Maiestie, and the whole world an ample testimony of our dutifull affections, and sincere intentions to assist you

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therein, For the maintenance of that Warre that may hereupon ensue, and more particularly for the defence of this your Realme of England, the securing of your Kingdome of Ireland, the assistance of your Neighbors, the States of the Vnited Prouinces, and other your Maiesties friends and Allies, And for the setting forth of your Royall Nauie, We haue resolued to giue for the present the greatest ayde which euer was granted in Parliament, to bee leuied in so short a time: And therefore we doe humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may be declared and enacted.

And be it declared by the Authority of this present Parliament, That the said two Treaties are by your Maiestie vtterly dissolued; and for the maintenance of the warre, which may ensue thereupon, and for the causes aforesaid, Bee it enacted, That three whole Fifteenes and Tenths shall be paid, taken, and leuied of the moueable goods, chattels, and other things vsuall to such Fifteenes and Tenths, to be contributary and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughs, Townes, and other places of this your Maiesties Realme, in manner and forme aforetime vsed; Except the summe of eighteene thousand pounds thereof fully to be deducted; That is to say, Sixe thousand pounds of euery of the sayd whole Fifteenes and Tenths, in releife, comfort, and discharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughs of this your sayd Realme, wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after such rate, as was, and hath before this time been had and made to euery Shire, and to be diuided in such manner and forme as heretofore, for one whole Fifteene and Tenth hath been had and diuided. And the same three Fifteenes and Tenths, the exception and deduction aforesayd, thereupon had, deducted and allowed, to bee payd in manner and forme following; That is to say, the whole entire payment of the first of the said three whole Fifteenes & Tenths, except before excepted, to be payd vnto the hands of Sir Thomas Middleton, Knight and Alderman of London, Sir Edward Barkham, Knight and Alderman of London, Sir Paul Baning, Knight and Baronet, Sir Richard Grobham, Knight, Iames Cambell, George Whitmore, and Ralph Freeman, Aldermen of London, and Martin Bond, Citizen and Haberdasher of London, Treasurers especially appointed in, and by this Act, to receiue and issue the same, and the Suruiuers of them, on or before the tenth of July next comming; And the second of the sayd

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three whole Fifteenes and Tenths, (except before excepted) to be paied to the said Treasurers at one entire paiment, at or before the tenth day of December now next comming; And the third of the said three whole Fifteenes and Tenths (except before excepted) to bee payed to the said Treasurers at one intire payment, on, or before the tenth of May, then next following.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That the Knighes elected and returned of and for the Shires within this Realme for this present Parliament Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs & Townes, where Collectors haue been vsed to be named and appointed for the Collection of any Fifteene and Tenth before this time graunted, shall name and appoint, before the tenth day of Iune now next comming, sufficient and able persons to bee Collectors for the Collection of the sayde first Fifteene and Tenth; And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of October now next insuing, other sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the Collection of the said second Fifteene and Tenth; And also shall name and appoint before the tenth day of March then next following, other sufficient & able persons to bee Collectors for the Collection of the sayd third Fifteene and Tenth in euery of the said Shires, Cities, Boroughs and Townes, the said persons to bee named and appointed to bee Collectors for the Collection of the said first Fifteene and Tenth, And also of the sayd second Fifteene and Tenth, And likewise of the sayd third Fifteene and Tenth, then hauing Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments in their owne right of any Estate of inheritance of the yeerly value of fortie pounds, or in goods worth foure hundred pounds at the least, each of them after such rate and value as hee or they shall bee assessed and rated at in the Subsidie Booke, if any such be in the said limits; And for want of such so assessed, That those shall be appointed Collectors, that then shall be rated and taxed in the Subsidie Booke in Lands or goods neerest to the seuerall values aforesaid: And also such person and persons so by them to be named and appointed for the Collection of the sayd three Fifteenes and Tenths, shall be by them seuerally appointed and allotted into Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs and Townes: And also the said persons so named and appointed for the collection of the said seuerall Fifteenes & Tenths, shall be seuerally

charged & chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accompts in the Exchequer, to be made with all such summe or summes of money as the Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs, and Townes where he or they shall so happen to bee appointed, shall amount vnto, and of no more summe and summes; And vpon the payment of such summes of money as hee or they shall be so charged with, shall be discharged, and haue his and their Quietus est, The not accounting, or non paiment of any other his fellowes, or the insufficiency of them or any of them notwithstanding; And the names and surnames of euery the sayd Collectors, for the sayd Fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their Collection and Charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burgesses for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughs whereunto they be allotted, named, and returned, shall certifie before the Kings Maiestie in the Chancery, before the twentieth day of June now next comming; And likewise also the names and surnames of euery of the said Collectors, so to be named and appointed for the collection of the said second Fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their Collection and Charge, The said Knights, Citizens and Burgesses shall likewise certifie into the said Court of Chancery before the thirtieth of October then next following; And likewise also the names and surnames of euery of the said Collectors, so to be made & appointed for the collection of the said third Fifteen and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their collection & charge, The said Knights, Citizens and Burgesses shall likewise certifie into the said court of Chancerie, before the thirtieth day of March, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand fiue hundred twentie and fiue. And if default of any such certifying be had or made in forme as is aforesaid, then the Lord Chancellor of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, shall immediatly after name and appoint collectors for the collection of euery of the said Fifteenes and Tenths, in such like maner and forme as the said Knights of Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesses of Boroughs should haue done, and as beforetime hath beene vsed: The which sayd Collectors, and euery of them so to bee named and appointed, as is aforesaid, shall haue allowance vpon their accompts for their Fees, Wages and rewards for the collection of the said Fifteenes and Tenthes, in as large maner and forme, as any Collector or Collectors of any Fifteen & Tenth

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haue had at any season in time past; And that the Barons of the Kings Exchequer for the time being, shall and may from time to time award such Processe for speedy payment of the said seuerall Fifteenes and Tenths, against the Collector or Collectors of the same, as by their good discretions shall bee thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the Authoritie of this present Parliament, That the said Lord Chancellor, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, Knights of the Shires, citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs, Towns and other places, hauing authority by this present Act to nominate the said Collectors of, or for the Collection of the said seuerall Fifteenes and Tenths, shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take, by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognizances or Obligations of euery person so by them to be named, to be bound to the Kings Maiestie, in the double summe of the summe of their Collection, and to be indorsed vpon such condition, that if the same Collector and Collectors of the said first Fifteene and Tenth, And likewise the Collector and Collectors of the said second Fifteene and Tenth, And likewise the Collector and Collectors of the said third Fifteene and Tenth, doe truely content & pay into the hands of the said Treasurers, to that purpose appointed by this Act, for the said first Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the said tenth day of July now next ensuing, And for the said second Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the said tenth day of December then next following, And for the said third Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the said tenth day of May then next following, so much of the said summes of money allotted to his Collection, as the same Collector shall haue collected and gathered; And doe likewise, after the said seuerall dayes, respectiuely appointed for the said seuerall payments, content & pay into the hands of the said Treasurers, as aforesaid, for the vses aforesaid, the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after such time, as he shall haue collected and gathered the same residue, That then the said Recognizance or Obligation to be void, or els to stand in full strength and power: which Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the said Knights of the Shires, Citizens, and Burgesses, and euery of them taking such Recognizance, or Obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lord Treasurer and Barons of the said Exchequer, before the said tenth

tenth day of July, tenth of December, and tenth of May, before mentioned, vpon paine of forfeiture of tenne pounds to the Kings Maiestie, for euery Recognizance or Obligation, so to bee taken and not certified; And that euery such Collector, vpon request to him made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognizance or Obligation accordingly, vpon paine of forfeiture of twentie pounds to the king for his refusall thereof; And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, for the time being, vpon paiment of the said Collection at the dayes, shall Cancell and deliuer the said Recognizance or Obligation to the said Collector, or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any Fee or reward to bee payd to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and weighty considerations aforesayd, Wee the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, Doe by our like assent and authority of this Parliament, giue and graunt to your Highnesse, our said Soueraigne Lord the kings Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, Three entire Subsidies, to be rated, tared, leuied and paid at three seuerall payments, of euery person Spirituall and Temporall, of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be of, according to the Tenor of this Acte, in maner and forme following.

That is to say, as well that euery person, borne within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Kings Dominions, As all and euery fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, Mystery, Brotherhood and Comminalty, Corporated or not Corporated within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Kings Dominions, being worth three pounds for euery pound, as well in royne, and the value of euery pound, That euery such person, Fraternity, Guild, Corporation, Mystery, Brotherhood, and Comminalty, Corporate, or not Corporate, hath of his, or their owne, or any other to his, or their vse, As also Plate, Stocke of Merchandize, all maner of Corne and Graine, Houshold stuffe, and of all other goods moueable, as well within this Realme, as without, and of all such summes of money, as to him or them is, or shall be owing, whereof he, or they trust in his, or their conscience surely to be paid, except, and out of the sayd Premisses deducted, such summes of money, as he or they owe, and in his or their consciences intendeth truely to pay, and except also the apparell of euery such person, their wiues and children, belonging

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to their owne bodies, sauing Iewels, Golde, Siluer, Stone, and Pearle, shall pay, to and for the said first Subsidie, at one entire payment two shillings and eight pence of euery pound, And to, and for the sayd second Subsidie, in one entire payment, two shillings and eight pence of euery pound, And to, and for the said third Subsidie in one entire payment, two shillings and eight pence of euery pound: And also euery Alien and Stranger, borne out of the Kings obeysance, as well Denizens, as others, inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pound that he or they shall haue in Coyne, and the value of euery pound in Plate, Coyne, Graine, Merchandize, Houshold stuffe; or other Goods, Iewels, Chattels, moueable or vnmoueable, as is aforesaid, as well within this Realme, as without, and of all summes of money to him or them owing, whereof hee or they trust in his or their conscience to be payd, Except and out of the same Premisses deducted, euery such summe or summes of money, which hee or they doe owe, and in his or their conscience, or consciences intend truely to pay, Shall pay to and for the sayde first Subsidie, in one entire payment, fiue shillings and foure pence for euery pound, And to and for the said second Subsidie, in one entire payment, fiue shillings and foure pence of euery pound, And to and for the said third Subsidie, in one entire payment, fiue shillings and foure pence of euery pound: And also, that euery Alien and Stranger, borne out of the Kings Dominions, being Denizen, or not Denizen, not being contributarie to any of the Rates aforesaid, and being of the age of seuen yeeres or aboue, shall pay to and for the sayd first Subsidie, eight pence for euery polle, And to and for the said second Subsidie, eight pence for euery polle, And to and for the sayd third Subsidie, eight pence for euery polle, And the master, or hee, or shee with whom the sayde Alien is, or shall be abiding at the time of the taxation or taxations thereof, to be charged with the same for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That euery person, borne vnder the Kings obeysance, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Mystery, Brotherhood, and Comminaltie, Corporate, or not Corporate, for euery pound that euery of the same persons, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guilde, Mystery, Brotherhood, and Comminaltie, Corporate, or not Corporate, or any other, to his or their vse,

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hath in Fee-simple, or Fee-taile, for terme of life, terme of yeres, by execution, Wardship, or by copy of Court roll, of and in any Honors, Castles, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Seruices, Hereditaments, Annuities, Fees, Corrodies, or other yeerely profits, of the yerely value of twenty shillings, as well within ancient Demesne, & other places priuiledged, as elsewhere, and so vpward, shall pay to, and for the sayd first Subsidie, in one entire payment, foure shillings, of and for euery pound, And to and for the second Subsidie, in one entire payment, fowre shillings of and for euery pound, And to and for the sayd third Subsidie, in one entire payment, foure shillings of and for euery pound: And euery Alien, Denizen, or not Denizen, borne out of the Kings Maiesties obeysance, in such case to pay to and for the said first Subsidie, in one entire payment, eight shillings of euery pound, And to and for the sayd second Subsidie, in one entire payment, eight shillings of euery pound, And to and for the said third Subsidie, in one entire payment, eight shillings of euery pound: And that all summes to bee presented, and chargeable by this Act, either for goods, and debts, or either of them, or for Lands, and Tenements, and other the premisses, as is in this Acte contained, shall bee at euery the said payments, set and taxed after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Act: Lands and Tenements, chargeable to the dismes of the Clergie, and yeerely wages due to seruants for their yeerely seruice, other then the Kings seruants, taking yeerely wages of fiue pounds or aboue, onely excepted, and forepriſed: And that all Plate, Coyne, Goods, Jewels, good debts, and Chattels Personals, and all Lands, Tenements, and other the premisses, as aforesaid, being in the rule & custody of any person or persons, to the vse of any Corporation, Fraternity, Guild, Mystery, Brotherhood, or any Comminalty, being Corporate, or not Corporate, bee, and shall be rated, set, and charged by reason of this Act, at the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, of euery pound in goods, & debtes, as is aboue said: And for euery pound in Lands, Tenements, Annuities, Fees, Corrodies, and other yeerely profits, as is aforesaid, & the sums that are aboue rehearsed, set and taxed, to be leuied, & taken of them that shall haue such goods in custody, or otherwise charged for lands, as is before rehearsed: And the same person & persons, & body Corporate, by authoritie of this Act, shall be discharged against him, or them that shall or

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ought to haue the same, at the time of the payment, or deliuery thereof, or at his otherwise departure from the custodie or possession of the same; Except and alwayes foreprised from the charge and assessment of these Subsidies, all Goods, Chattels, Jewels, and Ornaments of Churches, or Chappels, which haue beene ordained and vsed in Churches and Chappels, for the honour and seruice of Almighty God: And the payment of the first Subsidie shall bee by authoritie aforesaid, taxed, sessed, and rated according to this Acte, in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, and euery other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Kings dominions, before the twentieth day of June now next comming: And the payment of the said second Subsidie, shall be by the authoritie aforesaid, taxed, sessed, and rated before the tenth day of October then next ensuing: And the payment of the said third Subsidie, shall be by the authoritie aforesaid, taxed, sessed, and rated before the tenth day of March then next following: And the particular summes of euery Shire, Ryding, Borough, Towne, or other places aforesaid, with the particular names of such as are chargeable, for, and to the payment of the said first Subsidie, to be taxed and set by the Commissioners to the same to bee limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the same forme shall be certified into the Kings Exchequer, before the thirtieth day of June now next ensuing, and the particular summes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesaid, with the particular names of such as are chargeable, for, and to the payment of the said second Subsidie, to bee taxed and set by Commissioners to the same to be limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same forme shall be certified into the Kings exchequer, before the thirtieth day of October then next following, And the particular summes of euery Shire, Ryding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesaid, with the particular names of such as are chargeable to, and for the payment of the said third Subsidie to bee taxed and set by the Commissioners, to the same to bee limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same forme shall be certified into the Kings Exchequer, before the thirtieth day of March, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God, one

thousand fyue hundred twenty and fiue: And the said summes in forme aforesaid, to be taxed, to, & for the paiment of the sayd first Subsidie, shall be paide in one entire summe, to the vses before by this present Acte appointed, into the hands of the said Treasurers beforenamed as aforesaid, for the receiuing of the said Fifteenes and Tenths, at or before the said tenth day of July now next ensuing: And the said summes in manner and forme aforesaid, to be taxed for the paiment of the said second Subsidie, to be payd to the hands of the said Treasurers, as aforesaid, to the vses aforesaid, at or before the tenth day of December then next following: And the said summes in forme aforesaid, to be taxed for the paiment of the said third Subsidie, shall be payd vnto the hands of the Treasurers aforesaid, to the vses aforesaid, at or before the sayd tenth of May then next following: And the summes aboue said, of and for the said Subsidies, shall be taxed, set, assessed, and demanded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paid to the vses aforesaid, in forme aboue said, as well within the Liberties, Franchises, Sanctuaries, ancient Demeasne, and other whatsoeuer places exempt, or not exempt, as without, except such Shires, places and persons, as shall be foreprised, in, and by this present Act; Any Grant, Charter, Prescription, vse or libertie, by reason of any Letters Patents, or other Priuiledge, Prescription, allowance of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, granted, vsed, or obtained, notwithstanding:

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery such person, as well such as be borne vnder the Kings obeysance, as euery other person, Stranger borne, Denizen, or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Kings Dominions, which at the time of the said Taxations, or Assessings, or of euery of them, to be had or made, shall be out of this Realme, or out of Wales, and haue Goods, Chattels, Lands or Tenements, Fees or Annuities, or other profits within this Realme, or in Wales, shall be charged, and chargeable for the same by the Certificate of the inhabitants of the place, where such Goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other the premisses then shall be, or in such other place, where such person, or persons, or his, or their Factour, Deputie or Attourney, shall haue their most resort vnto within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if the said person were or had beene

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at the time of the ſaid aſſeſſing within this Realme, And that euery perſon abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, ſhall be charged, or chargeable to the ſame Subſidies granted by this Act, according, and after the rate of ſuch yeerely ſubſtance, or value of Lands or Tenements, Goods, Chattels, or other the premiſſes, as euery perſon ſo to be charged, ſhalbe ſet at, at the time of the ſayd Aſſeſſing, or Taxation vpon him to be made, and no otherwiſe.

And bee it further enacted by the authority aforeſayd, that for the Aſſeſſing and ordering of the ſaid three Subſidies to bee duely had, the Lord Chancellor of England, or the Lord Keeper of the great Seale, the Lord Treaſurer of England, the Lord Preſident of the Kings Counſell, the Lord Priuie Seale, the Lord Steward of the Kings Maieſties houſehold, the Lord Admirall of England, the Lord Chamberlaine of his Maieſties moſt honourable Houſhold for the time being, or two of them at the leaſt, whereof the Lord Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, to be one, ſhall, and may name and appoint, of and for euery Shire Riding, and other places, as well within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the Kings Dominions, as alſo of and for euery Citie and Towne, being a County of it ſelfe, and of and for the Iſle of Wight, ſuch certaine number of perſons of euery of the ſame Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Iſle of Wight, and euery other place, as they ſhall thinke conuenient, to bee Commiſſioners of, and within the ſame place whereof they be inhabitants, and alſo of and for the Honourable houſhold of the Kings Maieſtie, in what Shire or other place the ſaid houſhold ſhall then happen to be: And the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, or two of them, as is aforeſaid, in like maner may name and appoint of euery ſuch Borough and Townes corporate, as well in England as in Wales, and other the Kings Dominions, as they ſhall thinke requiſite, ſixe, fiue, foure, three or two of the head Officers and other honeſt inhabitants of euery of the ſayd Cities Boroughs and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the ſame: The which perſons (if any ſuch bee) thereunto named of the ſaid inhabitants of the ſaid Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties of themſelues, ſhall be ioyned and put in as Com-

missioners with the persons named for such Shires and Ridings, as the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties in themselues, bee set and haue their being, which persons so named, for, and of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses out of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, wherein they be so named onely, nor to execute the same Cõmission within the Borough or Townes corporate, where they be so dwelling, but at such dayes and times as the said other Commissioners for the same Shire and Riding, shall thereunto limit and appoint within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being a County, whereof they be so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne, and in that maner to be aiding and assisting, with the said other Commissioners, in, and for the good executing of the effect of the said Commission, vpon paine of euery the said Commissioners so named for euery such Citie, Borough, and Towne corporate not being a County, to make such Fine, as the said other Commissioners in the Commission of, and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretion set and certifie into the Kings Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Kings Maiestie, in like manner as if such or like summes had beene set and rated vpon euery such person for the said Subsidies: The which Commissioners so named of, and for the said Cities, Boroughs, and Townes, not being Counties, and onely put into the said Commission by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the Fees and rewards of the Commissioners and their Clerkes in this Act afterwards specified and allowed: And the Lord Chancellor of England, or Keeper of the Great Seale for the time being, shall make and direct out of the Court of Chancery, vnder the Great Seale, seuerall Commissions, That is to say, for euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and houshold, vnto such person and persons as by his discretion, or any of the other with him before named and appointed, as is before rehearsed, shall be thought sufficient, for the selling and leuying of the said three Subsidies, in all Shires & places, according to the true meaning of this Acte: which Commission for the payment of the said first Subsidy,

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shall be directed and deliuered to the said Commissioners, or one of them, before the tenth day of June now next comming: And the Commission for the payment of the said second Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of them, before the twentieth day of September then next following: And the Commission for the paiment of the said third Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the said Commissioners, or to one of them, before the twentieth day of February then next ensuing: And to euery of the sayd Commissions ten schedules, containing in them the tenor of this Acte, shall be affiled.

By the which commission the Commissioners in euery such Commission named, according to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said Commission, shall haue power and authoritie to put the effect of the same Commission in execution: And that by authority of this Act, after such Commission to them directed, they may by their assents and agreements seuer themselues for the execution of their Commission, in Hundreds, Lathes, Wards, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limits of the sayd Commission, in such forme as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, according to the tenour and effect of the Commission, to them therein directed, vpon which seuerance euery person of this present Parliament that shall be Commissioner, shall be assigned to the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be, or shall be compelled to be any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present Act, but onely in the Shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That the Commissioners, and euery of them which shall be named, limited, and appointed, according to this Act, to be Commissioners, in euery such Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, City, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said Houshold, or any other place, and no other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently, for their part, execute the effect of this present Act, according to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and no otherwise, by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing, to be attempted

ted or done by them, or any of them to the contrary thereof.

And the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them, as shall be appointed by the said Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayd Commission and Acte, shall for taxation of the said first Subsidie, before the fifteenth day of June now next comming, And for the taxation of the said second Subsidy, shall before the thirtieth day of September then next ensuing, And for the taxation of the sayd third Subsidie, shall before the eight and twentieth day of Februrary then next following, by vertue of the sayd Commission deliuered vnto them, in forme aboue said, direct their seuerall or ioynt Precept or Precepts, vnto eight, seuen, sixe, fiue, foure, three or two, as for the number of the Inhabitants shall bee requisite, of the most substantiall, discreete, and honest persons, Inhabitants, to be named by the said Commissioners, or by as many of them, as shall be appointed by the said Commission, of and in Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wards, Parishes, Townes, and other places, as well within Liberties, Franchises, ancient Demesne, places exempted, and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shire, Riding, Laths, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, and Isle aforesayd, and other places within the limits of their Commission: and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other like Officers, Administers of euery of the said Hundreds, Townes, Wards, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, and other places aforesaid, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them by their discretion, in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the manner and vse of those parties shall be requisite, straightly by the sayd Precept charging and commanding the sayd Inhabitants, Constables, and other Officers aforesaid, to whom such Precept shall bee directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or such number of them, as they shall diuide themselues, according to the tenour of the sayd Commission, at certaine dayes and places by the sayd Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesaid, within Cities, Boroughes, or Towne corporate, or without in any other places, as is aforesayd, by their discretions shall bee limited thereunto, to doe and accomplish all that to them on the part of the Kings Maiestie, shall bee enioyned touching this Act; Commanding further by the same Precept, that hee

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to whose hands such Precept shall come, shall shew and deliuer the same to the other Inhabitants or Officers named in the same Precept; And that none of them faile to accomplish the same, vpon paine of forty shillings to bee forfeited to the Kings Maiestie. And it is further ordained, by the authority of this present Parliament, that at the said day & place prefixed & limited in the said Precept, euery of the said Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence at the day and place prefixed, for that part whereunto he was limited, shal appeare in his proper person, & there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shall be appointed by the Kings Maiesties Commission, shall cal, or cause to be called before them the said inhabitants, and Officers, to whom they haue directed their said Precepts, and which had in commandement there to appeare by vertue of the said precept. And if any person so warned, make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickness, or la whull excuse, & that let then bee witnessed by the oathes of two credible persons, or if any appearing, refuse to serue in forme following; Then euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shal forfeit to the Kings Maiestie forty shillings: And so at euery time appointed by the said Commissioners for the same taration, vntill such time the number of euery such person haue appeared and certified in forme vnder written, euery of them so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfeit to the Kings Maiestie forty shillings, and vpon the same appearance had, they shall be charged before the Commissioners by all conuenient wayes and meanes, (other then by corporall Oath) to enquire of the best and most value of the substance of euery person, dwelling and abiding within the limits of the places that they shall bee charged with, and of other which shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the said places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Act of the said Subsidies, and of all other things requisite, touching the said Act, and according to the intent of the same, and thereupon as neere as it may bee, or shall come to their knowledge, without respect of any former taration heretofore had, truely to present & certifie before the said Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substance and values of euery of them, aswell of Lands, Tenements, and other hereditaments, possessions and profits, as of goods, chattels, debts, and other things chargeable by the same Acte,

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without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dread, or malice, vpon paine of forfeiture of fiue pounds or more, to bee taxed, extracted, and leuied in forme, as hereafter in this present Act shall bee limited and appointed: And thereupon the said Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to bee read vnto them the sayd Rates in this Acte mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and forme they ought & should make their Certificate, according to the Rates and Summes thereof aboue said, and of all maner persons, as well of Aliens and Strangers, Denizens or not Denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Kings obeysance, chargeable to this Act, and of the possessions, Goods and Chattels of Fraternities, Guilds, Corporations, Brotherhoods, Mysteries, Communalties, and other, as is abouesaid, and of persons being in the parts beyond the Seas, hauing Goods and Chattels, Lands or Tenements within this Realme, as is aforesaid, and of all Goods being in the custody of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is abouesaid: By the which Information and shewing, the said persons should haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this present Act, and of the manner of their Certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the Statute of the said Subsidies, and the maner of the said Certificate to bee made in writing, containing the names and surnames of euery person, and whether hee bee borne without the Kings obeysance or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, as well of the yeerely value of Lands and Tenements, and of such like possessions and profits, as of the value of Goods, and Chattels, Debts, and euery thing to their Certificate requisite and necessary to them declared, the sayde Commissioners there being, shall by their discretions appoint and limit vnto the said persons another day and place to appeare before the sayd Commissioners, and charging the sayd persons that they in the meane time shall make diligent enquiry by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, & then, and there euery of them vpon paine of forfeiture of Fortie shillings to the Kings Maiestie to appeare at the sayd newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayd Commissioners in writing, according to their said charge, and according to the true intent of the said grant of Subsidies, and as to

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them in manner aforesaid, hath beene declared and shewed by the Commissioners: At which day and place so to be prefixed, if any of the said persons make default, or appeare, and refuse to make the said Certificate, that then euery of them so offending, to forfeit to the Kings Maiestie fourty shillings, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sicknesse or otherwise, by the oathes of two credible persons there witnessed, and of such as appeare ready to make certificate, as is aforesaid, the sayd Commissioners there beeing, shall take and receiue the same Certificate, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substance of euery person so certified: And if the said Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the said presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayd Commissioners at the sayd dayes and place, by their agreement amongst themselues, shall from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certaine place or places, within the limits of their Commission, by their discretion, for their further proceeding to the said assessing of the said Subsidies: And thereupon at the said day of the said Certificate, as is aforesaid taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, sub-Constables, Bayliffes, or other Officers of such Hundreds, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesaid, as the same Commissioners shall be of, comprizing and containing in the said precept the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the said Certificate: of whom, if the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed by the Kings Commission, shal then haue behement suspect to be of more greater value or substance in lands, goods, chattels, or summes of mony owing to them, or other substance aforesayd, then vpon such person or persons so certified and specified as aforesaid, The same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts directed to the Constable, Bailiffe, or other Officers, commanding the said Constable, Bailiffes, or other Officers, to whom such precepts shall be directed, to warne such persons whose names shall be comprized in the said precepts at their Mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such precepts, and euery of them, shal personally appeare before the said Commissioners, at the sayd new prefixed day and place, there to be examined by all waies and meanes, other then by corporall oath, by the sayd Commissioners, of their greatest substance, and best value, and of all and euery summes of mo-

ney owing to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concerning the premisses, or any of them, according to this Act. At which day and place so prefixed, the sayd Commissioners then and there being, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed by the Kings Commission, shall cause to be called the sayd persons, whose names shall be comprized in the sayd precept, as is aforesaid, for their examination. And if any of those persons which shall be warned, as is aforesayd, to be examined, which at any time after the warning, and before the prefixed day, shall be within such place, where he may haue knowledge of his said appearance to be made, make default, and appeare not, vnlesse reasonable cause, or else reasonable excuse by the oathes of two credible persons, before the said Commissioners, be truly alleaged for his discharge; That then euery of them so making default, to be tared and charged to the Kings Maiestie, with and at the double summe of the rate, that hee should or ought to haue beene set at, for and after the best value of his Lands or Substance vpon him certified, if he had appeared by the discretion of the Commissioners there being: Which Commissioners shall trauell with euery of the other persons, so then and there appearing; whose names shall bee expressed in the said precept or precepts, and in whom any vehement suspect was, or shall be had in forme aforesaid, by all such wayes and meanes as they can, other than by corporall oath, for the better knowledge of their best value either in hereditaments or possessions, or else in goods or debts, and thereupon shall haue power and authoritie, by vertue of this Act, according to their discretions, to inlarge and increase the taxations of such persons, as they shall finde by due examination, to be of greater value or substance in Lands or goods than they were presented at: And that euery Spirituall person, at euery of the said Taxations of the sayd three Subsidies, shall be rated and set according to the rate aboue-said, of and for euery pound that the same Spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by descent, bargaine, or purchase, in Fee-simple, Fee-taile, Terme of life, Terme of yeeres, by Execution, by Wardship, or by copie of Court-Roll, in any Mannours, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Seruices, Offices, Fees, Annuities, Corrodies, or hereditaments, after the true, iust and yeerely value thereof, and according as other the Kings Maiesties Subiects, borne within this Realme, bee charged in forme aboue-remembred, so that it extend to the

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And it is further enacted, that if the said Taxors, or Assessours, shall not duely behaue themselues in their Inquirie, Taxation, assessement, or Certificate, but shall affectionately, corruptly, or partially demeane themselues in that behalfe, in such wise, that the Commissioners shall by their considerations deeme them offendors, worthy of punishment for not doing their duties therin; That then foure, or more of the Commissioners of that County for the same Subsidie, shall haue power and authority, by their discretions, either to charge the said Assessors vpon their corporall oathes, for the better seruice aforesaid in that behalfe, or else by their discretion; to taxe and set vpon euery of the sayd Assessors for their misdemeanours in that behalfe, such a fine or paine as they shall thinke good, so that it exceed not the summe of tenne pounds. And the same fine or paine, at their discretions, to Estreate into the Court of Exchequer: euery which fine so taxed and set by foure of the said Commissioners, or more, and being Estreated with the Schedule, and Bookes of that limit, shalbe leuied and answered to the Kings vse, in like manner and forme to all intents and purposes, as any other summes that shall be taxed and become due by vertue of this Statute, and Act of Subsidie, and not in any other wise or manner. And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Act, whether he be a Commissioner or other, to any manner of value, doeth finde himselfe grieued with the same Presentment, selling or rating, and thereupon complaine to the Commissioners, before whom he shall be called, selled or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation be certified into the Court of Exchequer, that then the said Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all waies and meanes, examine particularly and distinctly the person so complaining vpon his oath, and other his neighbours, by their discretions, of euery his Lands and Tenements aboue specified, and of euery his Goods, Chattels, and Debts aboue mentioned: And after due examination, and perfect knowledge thereof had, and perceiued by the said Commissioners, or two of them, which shall haue power by authority aforesaid, the said Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any such complaint shall bee made, by their discretions, vpon the oath of the said person so complaining, may abate, defalke, increase, or inlarge the said Assessements, according as it shall appeare vnto them iust, vpon the same examination:

nation: And the same summe so abated, defalked, increased, or inlarged; shall be by them Treated, in forme as hereafter ensueth; and if it bee prooued by witnesses, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any such oath made, that the same person so rated and sworne, was of any better or greater value, in Lands, Goods, or other things aboue specified, at the time of his said oath, then the said person so sworne, did declare vpon his said oath, that then euery such person so offending, shall lose & forfeit to the Kings Maiesty, so much lawful money of England, as he the same person so sworne, was set at, or taxed to be paid

And also be it enacted by the same authoritie, That euery person to be rated and taxed, as is aforesaid, shall be rated and set, and the summe on him set, to be leuied at such place where he and his family were resident for the most part of the yeere, next before the same presentment and taxation made, and no where else: And that no Commissioner for this Subsidie shall be rated or taxed for his goods or lands, but in the Shire, or other place where hee shall be Commissioner; And that if any person chargeable to this Acte, at the time of the same assessing, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shall be knowne; Then he to be set where he was last abiding in this Realme or in Wales, and after the substance, value, and other profites of euery person to be knowne by the examination, certificate, or other manner of wise, as is aforesaid: And that the said Commissioners, or as many of them, as shall bee appointed by the Kings Maiesties Commission, or Commissions, shall after the rate and rates aforesaid, cause euery person so to be set, rated and taxed, according to the rate of the substance and value of his Lands, Goods, Chattels and other profites, chargeable by this Act, whereby the greatest, or more best summe or summes, according to his most substance, by reason of this Act, might or may bee set or taxed: And that euery person taxed in any Countie or place, other then where hee or his family were resiant for the most part of the yeere then next before, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commissioner for the Subsidie, if he be a Commissioner, vpon certificate made to the said Court of Exchequer, vnder the hands and Seales of two Commissioners for the same Subsidie, in the same County, or place where such person, and his family were resiant for the most part of the yeere then next before, or where

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hee is a Commissioner for the taxation and payment of the same Subsidie, testifying such his most reliance, hauing of familie, or being a Commissioner, shall be a sufficient discharge for the taxation of that person in all other places, and of and for all other summes of money, vpon such persons so set and taxed, saue onely the taxation made in that County, or place from which such certificate shall bee made, as is aforesaid; And for the summe of money vpon such person there assessed, or taxed: And that such certificate without any plea or other circumstance, shall be a sufficient warrant, aswell to the Barons and Auditor or Auditors of the sayde Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other Officers, to whom the allowance thereof shall appertaine, paying for such discharge and allowance, onely sixe pence and no more.

Prouided alwayes that euery such person, which shall bee rated or taxed according to the true meaning of this Act, for the payment of and to these Subsidies, for and after the yeerely value of his Lands, Tenements, and other reall possessions or profits, at any of the said taxations, shall not after be set and rated for his goods and chattels, or other mooueable substance at the same taxation, and that hee that shall be set, charged, or taxed for the same Subsidies, for his goods, chattels, or other mooueables, at any of the said taxations, according to the true meaning of this Act, shall not after bee charged, taxed, or chargeable for his Lands, or other reall possessions and profits aboue said, at the same taxation, or any of them; nor that any person by any taxation, bee double charged for the said Subsidies, nor set or taxed at seuerall places, by reason of this Act: But if any person happen to be double set, taxed, or charged, either in one place, or at seuerall places, then he to bee discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, according to the meaning and intent of this Act any thing contained in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that it bee ordained and enacted by the said Authority of this present Parliament, that no person hauing two Mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or calling himselfe houshold seruant, or waiting seruant to the Kings Maiesty, or other Lord or Lady, Master or Mistris, bee excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the said Subsidies, in neither of the places where hee may be set, or taxed, vnlesse hee bring a certificate in writing from the Commissioners, where that

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hee is so set or taxed indeede at one place: And if any person that ought to be set and taxed to these present Subsidies, by reason of his remouing, or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying, that hee was elsewhere taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge of his dwelling, or abiding in any place, not being excepted in this Acte, or otherwise by his couin or craft, or by any wordes or sayings, or otherwise; or if any that is a Commissioner, or a Seller of others, happen to escape from the sayde taxations, for the payment of these Subsidies, or any of them, and bee not set and taxed according to the true intent of this Act, and that prooued by presentment, examination, information, or otherwise, before the said Commissioners, or two of them, or before the Barons of the Kings Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace of the County where such person dwelleth; Then euery such person, that by such meanes, or otherwise willingly, by couin, or without iust cause shall happen to escape from the said taxations or payments as aforesaid, or any of them, and shall not bee rated, taxed and set, shall bee charged vpon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with and at the double value of so much as he should, might, or ought to haue beene set, and taxed at, by vertue of this Act; And the same double value to be leuied, gathered, and payd of his goods and chattels, lands and Tenements, towards the said Subsidies, and further, to be punished according to the discretion of the Barons, Justices and Commissioners, before whom he shall bee conuicted for his offence and deceit in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners in euery Commission, which shall be, or inhabite in any County or place within the limits of their Commission, or the more part of them, shall haue full power and authoritie by this Act, to set, taxe and sesse euery other Commissioner, ioyned with them in euery such Commission, and the said Commissioners within euery Diuision, shall also assesse euery Assessor within their Diuision for his or their goods, lands, and other the premisses, as is aforesaid: By the which said Commission, the said Commissioners to whom it shall appertaine, shall indifferently set, taxe, and sesse themselues, and the said Assessors, and that as well the summes vpon euery of the said Commissioners and Assessors so sessed, rated and taxed, as the summes made and presented by the Presenters, as is aboue said, shalbe written, certified, set and

eſtreated, and the eſtreates thereof to bee made with other the Inhabitants of that part, and within the limits of the ſame Commiſſion and Diuiſion, ſo to be gathered and leuied in like manner, as it ought or ſhould haue bin. if the ſaid Commiſſioners had not beene in the ſaid Commiſſion: And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or Bazoneſſe, and euery eſtate aboue, ſhall be charged with their freehold and value, as is aforeſayd, by the Chancelor, or Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England, the high Treaſurer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other ſuch perſons, as by the Kings Maieſties authoritie or commandement ſhal be named or appointed, and they to be charged for the ſayd ſeueral payments of the ſaid ſeueral Subſidies, after the forme of the ſayd grant, according to the taxation aforeſayd, and the ſumme of and vpon them to be taxed and ſet, with the names of the Collectors appointed for the gathering and paying of the ſame, to be eſtreated, deliuered, and certified at dayes and places aboue-ſpecified, by the Lord Chancellour, or Keeper of the great Seale, and Lord Treaſurer, or one of them, together with other ſuch perſons as ſhall be thereunto named, as is aforeſayd.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſayd, that after the taxes and aſſeſſes of the ſaid ſummes vpon, and by the ſaid aſſeſſing and certificate, as is aforeſaid made, the ſayd Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall be thereunto appointed, and haue authoritie by the Kings Maieſties Commiſſion, ſhall with all ſpeed, and without delay, by their writings, eſtreat the ſayd Taxes thereof, vnder the Seales and Signes manuall of the ſayd Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall be appointed at the leaſt. And the ſame ſhall deliuer vnto ſufficient and ſubſtantiall Inhabitants, Conſtables, ſub-Conſtables, Bayliffes, and other officers ioyntly of Hundreds, Townes, Pariſhes, and other places aforeſayde, within their limits, & to other ſufficient perſons inhabitants of the ſame, onely by the diſcretion of the ſaid Commiſſioners, with the aſſent of the high Collector, and as the place & parties ſhall require, aſwell the particular names and ſurnames, as the remembrance of all the ſummes of money taxed and ſet, of and vpon euery perſon, aſwell man as woman, chargeable to this Act, Houſholders and all other Inhabitants and dwellers within the ſayd Pariſhes, Townes and places contributorie to this Act of Subſidies: By authority of which

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writing and Estreat so deliuered, the said Officers and other persons so named and deputed, seuerally shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Act, immediatly after the deliuery of the said writing or Estreat, to demaund, leuie, and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same writing or Estreat compryzed, and for non-payment thereof, to distraine the same person or persons so being behinde, by their goods and chattels, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of eight dayes, at the costs and charges of the owner thereof. And if the same owner doe not pay such summe of money as shall bee taxed by Authoritie of this Act, within the same eight dayes, then the same distresse to bee appraysed by foure, or three, or two of the Inhabitants where such distresse is taken, and also then to bee solde by the Constable or other Collector for the payment of the sayde money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (if any bee) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse: Which said Officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather and leuy the said summes, shall answere and bee charged for the portion onely to them assigned and limited to bee gathered, leuied and compryzed in the sayd writing or Estreat, so to them, as is aforesayd, deliuered to the vse of our Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maiestie, and his Heires and Successors, and the said summe in that writing or Estreat compryzed, to pay vnto the high Collector or Collectors of that place, for collection of the same, in manner and forme vnder-written, thereunto to bee named and deputed; And the same Inhabitants and Officers so gathering the same particular summes, for their Collection thereof, shall retaine, of euery twenty shillings, so by them receiued, and payde, two pence; And that to bee allowed at the payment of their collection by them to bee made, to the high Collector or Collectors.

And further bee it enacted by the said Authoritie, That the said Commissioners, or the more part of them, as shall take vpon them the execution and businesse of the sayd Commission, shall for euery of the sayd payments of the sayd Subsidies, name such sufficient and able persons, which then shall haue and possesse Lands and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleare yeerely value of fourtie pounds, or goods to the value of foure hundred pounds, at the least, as he shall be taxed in the Subsidie booke, if any such be in the said limits,

limits, and for want of such so assessed, then those to be appointed Collectors that then shall be sufficient, and rated and cared in the Subsidie-bookes in lands or goods neerest to the values aforesaid, as by their discretions shall bee thought good in Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, as well within places priuiledged, as without, not being forepriſed within this Act, to be high Collectors, and to haue the collection and receipt of the sayd Summes, set and leuiable within the precinct, limits and bounds, where they shall be so limited and appointed to be high Collectors: And to euery of the said Collectors so seuerally named, the said Commissioners, or two of them at the least, with all speede and without delay, after the sayd whole summe of any paiment of the sayd Subsidies be set by all the limits of the same their Commission, or in such limits as the high Collectors shall be so seuerally assigned, shall vnder their Seales and Signe-Manual, deliuer one Estreate indented in Parchment, comprising in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the said particular summes and the summes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne, and other place aforesayd, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the Estreate so first thereof made, and deliuered, as is aforesaid: And the Collectors to be assigned shall be charged to answere the whole summe comprised in the said Estreat limited to his collection, as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, hauing authority by this Acte to name and nominate the said high Collectors of euery the sayd Subsidies, shall immediatly vpon their nomination and election, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognizances or Obligations, without any Fee, or reward to be paid therefore, of euery person so by them to be named to be high Collectors, to be bound to the Kings Maiestie in the double summe of his Collection, and to bee indorsed and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collection of the said first Subsidy, That if the said Collector, his Heires or Executors doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Kings Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, into the hands of such Treasurers, as is aforesaid, at or before the said tenth day of July, so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee shall collect and

gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such time as hee hath gathered and collected the same residue; that then the sayde Recognizances or Obligations to be void, or else to stand in full force and vertue: And for the collection of the payment of the said second Subsidie, vpon condition, That if the said Collector, his Heires or Executors, doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Kings Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, into the hands of such Treasurers, as is aforesaid, at or before the sayd tenth day of December, so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue; that then the said Recognizances or Obligations to be voyde, or else to stand in full strength and vertue: And for the collection of the payment of the said third Subsidie, vpon condition, That if the said Collector, his Heires or Executors doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Kings Maiestie, his Heires or Successors, into the hands of such Treasurers, as aforesaid, at or before the said tenth day of May, then next following, so much of the sayd summes of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue; that then the said Recognizances or Obligations to be void, or else to stand in full strength and vertue: Which said seuerall Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the said Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Kings Maiesties Exchequer, with the seueral Certificates of the said taxations and rates of the paiment of the said Subsidies, at and by the time prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the Certificate of the sayd seuerall taxations of the sayd Subsidies, vpon paine of forfeiture of tenne Pounds to the Kings Maiestie for euery such Recognizance or Obligation not so certified: And that euery such Collector so elected, named and chosen, vpon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the said Recognizance or Obligation, vpon paine and forfeiture of twentie Pounds to the Kings Maiestie for the refusall thereof. And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon payment of the sayd seuerall collections of the sayd Subsidies, at the

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dayes and times herein limited for the paiment thereof, shall cancell and deliuer the Recognizances or Obligations for the paiment thereof, to the Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be payd for the same to any person. And euery Collector so deputed, hauing the said Estreat in Parchment, as is aforesaid, shall haue authoritie by this Act, to appoint dayes and places, within the circuit of his collection, for the payment of the said Subsidies, to him to be made, and thereof to giue warning by Proclamation or otherwise, to all the Constables, or other persons or inhabitants, hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundreds, Parishes, Townes, or other places by him or them limited, to make paiment for the sayd particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertaine. And if at the same day and place so limited and prefixed by the said high Collector, the said Constable, officers, or other persons or inhabitants, as is aforesaid, for the said particular collection assigned and appointed within such Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, doe not pay vnto the sayd high Collectors, the summe within their seuerall Hundreds, Towns, Parishes, and other places due and comprised in the said Estreat thereof, to them deliuered by the said Commissioners, or some of them, as is aforesaid, or so much therof as they haue by any meanes receiued (twopence for euery pound for the sayd particular collection, as is aforesayd, alwayes thereof to bee allowed, excepted and abated) that then it shall be lawfull to the said high Collectors and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distreine euery of the said Constables, Officers, and other inhabitants, for their said seuerall and particular collection of the sayd summes comprised in the sayd Estreat and writing thereof, to them and euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for so much of the sayd summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behind and vnpayd, by the goods and chattels of euery of them so being behinde, and the distresse so taken, to be kept, and appraised and sold, as is aforesaid, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behind and vnpayd, and the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered to the owner, in forme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person or persons shall be nominated or appointed to be an high Collector or Collectors for the paiment

of the second or third Fifteene, Tenth, or Subsidie granted by this Act, which before that time hath been a Collector or Collectors for payment of any, or either of the former Fifteenes, Tenths, or Subsidies, vnlesse such person or persons so to be nominated & appointed high Collector or Collectors for the said second or third Subsidies, doe first shew forth before him or them, by whom he shall be nominated and appointed, his Quietus est, for the discharge of his Collection, before appointed to his charge, vpon paine of an hundred pounds to be payd and forfeited by him or them that shall so nominate and appoint any such Collector contrary to this present Act.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabiting in any City, Borough, or Towne corporate, shall bee compelled to be any Assessour or Collector, of, or for any part of the said Subsidies, in any place or places out of the said Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the said Authority enacted, That if any Inhabitants or Officers, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the collection and receipt of any part or portion of the said Subsidies, by any manner of meanes according to this Acte, or any person or persons, for themselues, or as Keeper, Guardian, Deputie, Factour or Attourney, of or for any other person or persons, for any goods and chatteles of the owner therof, at the time of the said Assessing to be paid, being out of the Realme, or in any other parts not knowen, or of, or for the goods and chattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternity, Mystery, or other whatsoeuer Commonaltie, beeing corporate or not corporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernance and custody, any goods or chattels at the time of the said Assessing, or any of them to be made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for himselfe, or for any other, or by reason that hee hath the rule, gouernance or custodie of any goods or chattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Commonalty, Fraternitie, Guild, or Mystery, or any such other like, or as Factor, Deputie or Attourney of or for any person, shall be taxed, rated, valued, and set to any summe or summes by reason of this Act: And after the taxation, or assessing vpon any such person or persons, as shall be charged with receipt of the same, happen to die, or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goods or chattels bee so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert maner kept as the

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ſaid perſon or perſons charged with the ſame, by Eſtreates or other writings, from the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall bee thereunto appointed by the ſayd Commiſſion, as is aforeſaid, can, ne may leuie the ſame ſumme or ſummes compriſed within the ſame Eſtreates by diſtreſſe within the limits of their collection, as is aforeſaid, or cannot ſell ſuch diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes, as bee taken for any of the ſaid paiments, before the time limited to the high Collector for his payment, to be made to ſuch Committees or Commiſſioners, as is aforeſaid, then vpon relation thereof with due examination, by the oath or examination of ſuch perſon or perſons, as ſhall be charged with and for the receit and collection of the ſame before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as by the ſaid Commiſſion ſhall be thereunto appointed, where ſuch perſon or perſons, or other, as is aforeſaid, their goods and chattels were ſet and taxed, and vpon plaine Certificate thereof made in the Kings Maieſties Exchequer by the ſame Commiſſioners, as well of the dwelling place, names and ſummes of the ſayde perſons, of whom the ſayd ſummes cannot be leuied and had, as is aforeſaid; Then as well the Conſtable, as other Inhabitants appointed for the ſame particular collection, againſt the high Collectors, as the high Collector vpon his account and oath in the ſayd Exchequer to be diſcharged thereof, and Proceſſe to be made for the Kings Maieſtie out of the ſayd Exchequer by the diſcretion of the Barons of the ſaid Exchequer, againſt ſuch perſon, his heires or executors, ſo being behinde with his payment: And ouer that, the ſame Commiſſioners, to whom any ſuch Declaration ſhall be made in forme aforeſaid, from time to time, ſhall haue full power and authoritie to direct their Precept or Precepts vnto the ſaid perſon or perſons charged with any ſumme, of, for and vpon any ſuch perſon and perſons, or other, as is aforeſaid, or to any Shiriffe, Steward, Bayliffe, or other whatſoeuer Officer, Miniſter, Perſon or Perſons of ſuch place or places, where any ſuch Perſon or perſons ſo owing any ſuch ſumme or ſums, ſhall haue Lands and Tenements, or other Hereditaments, or reall Poſſeſſions, Goods and Chattels, whereby any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo indebted, his Heires, Executors or Aſſignes, or other hauing the cuſtody, gouernance or diſpoſition of any Goods, Chattels, Lands or Tenements, or other Hereditaments, which ought or may by this Acte lawfully be diſtreined or taken

ken for the same, hath and shall haue goods, chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other possessions, whereof such summe or summes, which by any such person or persons, may or ought to bee leuied, be it within the Limits of such Commission, where such person or persons was or were taxed, or without in any place within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Kings Maiesties Dominions, Marches, or Territories, by which Precept, as well such person or persons shall be charged to leuie such money, as the Officer of the place or places where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and authoritie to distreine euery such person indebted, charged or chargeable by this Acte, or his Executors, or Administrators of his Goods and Chattels, his Guardians, Factors, Deputies, Leasees, Farmours and Assignes, and all other persons, by whose hands, or out of whose Lands any such person should haue Fee, Rent, Annuitie or other profit, or which at the time of the said assessing, shall haue goods or chattels, or any other thing moueable of any such person or persons, being indebted or owing such summe, and the distresses so taken cause to be kept, appraised and solde in like maner and forme, as is aforesaid, for the distresse to be taken vpon such persons to be taxed to the said Subsidies, and being sufficient to distreine within the limits of the Collectors, Inhabitants or other Officers charged with or for the sayde summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any such distresse for non-payment happen to be taken out of the Limit of the sayd persons, charged and assigned to leuie, the same persons so charged for the leuying of any such summes by distresse, shall perceiue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so laboureth for the same, two pence: And euery Farmor, Tenant, Guardia, Factor, or other whatsoeuer person being distreined, or otherwise charged for payment of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shalbe of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquitted at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuery of such Goods and Chattels as hee that is so distreined, had in his custodie or gouernance, against him or them that shall bee so taxed and set; Any Graunt or writing Obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithstanding.

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And if any such person that should be so distreined, haue no Lands or Tenements sufficient, whereby he and his Tenants and Farmours may bee distreined, or haue aliened, cloyned, or hid his goods and chattels, whereby hee should or might bee distreined, in such maner, that such goods and chattels should not be knowen or found, so that the summe of or by him to be paid in the said forme, shall not, ne can bee conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayd Commission shall bee thereunto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and set by the oaths of him or them that shall bee charged with the leuying and payment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners shall make a Precept in such manner as is aforesaid, for to attach, take and arrest the body of such person or persons, that ought to pay the said summes, & by this Act shall bee charged with and for the said summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shire or other place, where any such person or persons shall bee taken and attached, there to remaine without baile or mainprize vntill hee hath payed the sayd summe or summes, that such person for himselfe or for any other by this Act, shall be chargeable, or ought to be charged withall, and also for the Fees of euery such Arrest, to him or them that shall execute such Precept, twenty pence: And that euery Officer to whom such Precept shall be directed, doe his true diligence, & execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon paine to forfeit to the Kings Maiesty for euery default in that behalfe, twenty shillings: And that no Keeper of any Gaole, from his Gaole suffer any such person to goe at large, by letting to Baile, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue payed his sayd debt, and the said twentie pence for the sayd Arrest, vpon paine to forfeit to the Kings Maiestie fourtie shillings: And the same Gaoler to pay to the Kings Maiesty the double value, as well of the rate, which the said person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the said twenty pence for the Fees: And like processe and remedy in like forme shal be granted by the said Commissioners, or as many of them as by the said Commission shall be thereunto appointed, at like Information of euery person or persons, being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the said Subsidies, and not thereof paid, but wilfully withdrawen, nor the summe leuiable within the limits where such

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persons were thereunto taxed. And if the summe or summes, being behind vnpaid by any person or persons, as is aforesaid, bee leuied and gathered by force of the said Processe to be made by the said Commissioners, or if in default, or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe or summes of money, by Processe of the same Commissions to be made, as is aforesayd, bee committed to prison in forme aboue said, that then the said Commissioners, which shall award such Processe, shall make certificate thereof in the sayd Exchequer of that shall be done in the premisses, in the Terme next following after such summe or summes of money, so being behind, shall be leuied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same committed to prison. And if it happen any of the said Collectors to bee assigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewards, Constables, the Headborough, Burholder, Bayliffe, or any other Officer or Minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons to disobey the said Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the said Commissioners, for the execution of the said Commission, or if any of the Officers, or other persons doe refuse that to them shall appertaine and belong to doe, by reason of any precept to him or them to be directed, or any reasonable commandement, instance or request touching the premisses, or other default in any appearance or collection to make; or if any person being suspected not to bee indifferently taxed, as is aforesaid, doe refuse to be examined according to the tenor of this Act, before the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall bee thereunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or will not appeare before the same Commissioners vpon warning to him made, or else make resistance or rescues vpon any distresse vpon him to bee taken for any parcell of the said Subsidies; or commit any misbehauiour in any maner of wise contrary to this Act, or commit any wilfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wilful doing, or misdoing, contrary to the tenor of this Act or Grant, The same Commissioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by Information or Examination, shall and may set vpon euery such offendour for euery such offence, in the name of a Fine, by the same offendour to bee forfeited, fourty shillings, or vnder, by discretion of the said Commissioners. And further, the same Commissioners,

ners, and euery number of them, or two of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue authority by this preſent Act, to puniſh euery ſuch offendor by impriſonment there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their diſcretion, as ſhall ſeeme to them conuenient, the ſayd Fines, if any ſuch bee, to be certified by the ſayde Commiſſioners that ſo aſſeſſed the ſame, into the Kings Maieſties ſayd Exchequer, there to be leuied and payd by the Collectours of that part, for the Subſidies returned into the ſaid Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the ſaid Subſidies, in ſuch maner as if the ſayde Fines had beene ſet and taxed vpon the ſaid offendors for the ſayde Subſidies.

And be it alſo enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That euery of the ſaid high Collectours, which ſhall account for any part of the ſaid Subſidies in the ſaid Exchequer vpon their ſeuerall accompts to be yeelded, ſhall be allowed at euery of the payments of the ſayd Subſidies, for euery pound limited to his collection, whereof any ſuch Collector ſhall be charged and yeeld account, fiue pence, as parcell of their charge; that is to ſay, of euery pound thereof, for ſuch perſons as haue had the particular collection of the Townes and other places, as is aforeſaid ſpecified in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pound thereof, euery of the ſaid chiefe Collectors or other Accomptants to reteine to their owne vſe for their labour and charge in and about the premiſſes, and two pence of euery pound reſidue to be deliuered, allowed and payd, by the ſaid Collector ſo being thereof allowed, to ſuch of the Commiſſioners, as ſhall take vpon them the buſineſſe and labour for & about the premiſſes; that is to ſay, Euery Collectour to pay that Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners which had the ordering of the writings of and for euery of the ſaid Subſidies where the ſayde Collector or Collectors had their collection, for the expences for the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo taking vpon them the ſaid buſineſſe, and labour of their Clerkes writing the ſaid precepts and extracts of the ſaid Collectors, the ſaid laſt two pence of euery pound to be diuided among the ſaid Commiſſioners, hauing regard to their labour & buſineſſe taken by them and their ſaid Clerkes, in and about the premiſſes, for which part, ſo to the ſaid Commiſſioners appertaining, the ſaid Commiſſioners, fiue, fiue, foure, three, or two, or as many of them as ſhall be thereunto appointed by the Kings Maieſties Commiſſion, and euery of them ioyntly and ſeuerally for his and their ſaid

part, may haue his remedy against the said Collector or Collectors which thereof vsed, or might haue allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendant shall not wage his Law, neither Protection, neither Iniunction or Essoine shall be allowed.

And that no person now being of the number of the Company of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner shall be named or assigned to be any Collector, or Subcollector, or Presenter of the said Subsidies, or any part thereof, nor any Commissioners shall be compelled to make any presentment or Certificate, other then into the Kings Maiesties said Exchequer, of, for, or concerning the said Subsidies, or any part or parcel thereof. And like wise that no other person that shall be named and assigned to be Commissioner in any place, to and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidies, be or shall be assigned or named head Collector of any of the payments of the said Subsidies, neither of any part thereof.

And that euery such person or persons which shall bee named and appointed, as is aforesaid, to be head Collectors of and for the payment of the said first Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not be compelled to be Collector for the paiment of the second Subsidie, nor for any part thereof. And he that shall be named or appointed, as aforesaid, to be Collector for the paiment of the said second Subsidy, shall not be compelled to be the Collector for the paiment of the third Subsidie, or any part thereof. And the said Collectors which shall be assigned for the collection of the said three Subsidies, or any part thereof, & euery of them, be and shall be acquited & discharged of all maner of Fees, Rewards, and of euery other charges in the Kings Maiesties Exchequer, or elsewhere, of them, or of any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accompts, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that, if any person receiue or take any Fees, rewards, or pleasures of any such accomptant, or vse any vnnecessary delay in their accompt, that then he shall forfeit to the Kings Maiestie for euery peny, or value of euery peny or peny worth so taken, fiue shillings, and fiue pounds to the party grieued for euery such delay, and suffer imprisonment at the Kings Maiesties pleasure. And after euery such taxing and allelling of the sayd seuerall Subsidies (as is aforesaid) had or made, and the said extracts thereof in parchment, vnto the Collector in maner and forme before rehearsed, deliuered; The said Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limits of their Commission, by their agree-

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uients ſhall haue meetings together: At which meetings euery of the ſaid Commiſſioners, which then ſhal haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the ſaid Commiſſion, ſhal by himſelf, or his ſufficient Deputie, truely certifie and bring foorth vnto the ſaid Commiſſioners named in the ſaid Commiſſion, the certificate and preſentment made before him, and ſuch other Commiſſioners as were limited with him in one limit, ſo that the ſame certificate may bee accounted and caſt with the other certificates of the other limits within the ſame commiſſion, & then the ſaid commiſſioners and euery number of them vnto two at the leaſt, as is aforeſaid, if any be in life, or their Executors or Adminiſtrators of their goods, if they then be dead, ſhall ioyntly and ſeuerally, as they were diuided within their limits, vnder their Seales, by their diſcretion make one or ſeuerall writings indented, contayning in it as well the names of the ſaid Collectors by the Commiſſioners, for ſuch collection and accounts in the Exchequer, and payment into the hands of ſuch Committees, or Commiſſioners, as is aforeſaid, deputed and aſſigned, as the groſſe and ſeuerall ſummes, written vnto euery ſuch Collectors to receiue the ſaid Subſidies, and alſo all Fines, Amerciaments, and other forfeitures, if any ſuch by reaſon of this act happē to be within the precinct & limit of their commiſſion, to be certified into the kings Maieſties Exchequer by the ſaid Commiſſioners. In which writing or writings indented ſo to be certified, ſhal bee plainely declared and expreſſed the whole and entire ſum or ſummes of the ſaid Subſidies, ſeuerally limitted to the collection of the ſayd Collectors, ſeuerally deputed and aſſigned to the collection of the ſaid ſummes: So that none of the ſaid Collectors ſo certified in the ſayd Exchequer, ſhall be compelled there to accompt or to be charged, but onely to and for the ſummes limited to his collection, and not to and for any ſum limited to the collection of his fellow: But euery of them ſhal be ſeuerally charged, for their part limited to their collection. And if the ſaid Commiſſioners ioyned in one Commiſſion amongſt themſelues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuſe to make certificate with other of the ſame Commiſſioners, that then the ſaid Commiſſioners may make ſeuerall Indentures, in forme aforeſaid, of their ſeuerall limits or ſeparations of Collectors within the limits of their Commiſſion, vpon, & in the Hundreds, Wards, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or ſuch other like diuiſions, within

the seuerall limits of their Commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and diuided, & as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good to make diuisions of their limits or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same collectors, so that alway one Collector shall be charged, and accompt for his part to him to bee limitted onely by himselfe, and not for any Summe limited to the part of any of his fellowes: And the charges of euery of the Collectors to be set and certified seuerally vpon them. And euery such collector vpon his accompt and paiment of the summe of money limited within his Collection, to be seuerally by himself acquitted and discharged in the said Exchequer, without paying any maner of fees or rewards to any manner person or persons for the same, vpon payne and penaltie last abouesayd, & not to be charged for any portion of any other Collector: And if any Commissioner, after hee hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aforesaid, shalbe before any such Commissioners examined, & the sums, rated and set, and the bookes and writings thereof being in his hands: Or if any Collector or other person charged with any receit of any part of the said Subsidies, or any other person taxed or otherwise by this Act charged with or for any parcell of the sayd Subsidies, or with any other Summe, Fine, Amerciament, Penaltie, or other forfeiture, happen to die before the Commissioners, Collectors, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged that which to euery such person shall appertaine or belong to doe, according to this Acte; Then the executors and Heires of any such person, and all other seized of any Lands and Tenements that any such person being charged by this Act and deceasing before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely, had of Estate of Inheritance at the time that any such person was named Commissioner, Collector, or otherwise charged with or for any manner of thing to be done, satisfied, or payed by reason of this Act; And all those which haue in their possession or hands, any Goods, Chattels, Leases, or other things, that were to any such person or persons, at the time of his death, or any Lands or Tenements, that were the same persons at the time hee was, as is aforesaid, charged with this Act, shall be by the same compelled and charged to doe, and accomplish in euery case, as the same person so being charged should haue done, or might haue beene compelled to doe, if hee had

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beene in plaine life, after ſuch rate of the Lands and Goods of the ſayd Commiſſioner or Collector, as the parſle ſhall haue in his hands. And if the ſayd Commiſſioners for cauſes reaſonable them mooving, ſhall thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one Certificate as is aforeſaid, then the ſaid perſon or perſons, that ſhall firſt ioyne together, or hee that ſhall firſt certifie the ſayd writing Indented, as is aforeſaid, ſhall certifie all the names of the Commiſſioners of that Commiſſion, whereupon ſuch writing ſhall bee there then to be certified, with diuiſion of the Hundreds, Wapentakes, Wards, Tythings, and other places, to and among ſuch Commiſſioners of the ſame Commiſſion, with the names of the ſame Commiſſioners, where ſuch Separations and Diuiſions ſhall bee, with the groſſe ſummes of money, as well of and for the ſayd Subſidies taxed, or ſet, of or within the ſayd Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to him or them diuided or aſſigned, that ſhall ſo certifie the ſaid firſt writing, as of the Fines, Amerciaments, Penalties, and other forfeitures, if any happen to bee within the ſame Limits, whereof the ſame writings ſhall be certified. And after ſuch writings indented, which, as is aforeſaid, ſhall be certified and not containe in it the whole and full ſummes ſet and taxed within the Limits of the ſame Commiſſion, the other Commiſſioners of the ſame, before the day of payment of the ſayd Subſidie, ſhall certifie into the ſayde Exchequer, by their writing or writings Indented, to be made, as aforeſayd, the groſſe and ſeuerall ſummes, ſet and taxed within the places to them limited, for euery of the ſaid Subſidies, and other fines, Amerciaments, Penalties and Forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreds, Wards, Wapentakes, and other places to them aſſigned, or elſe by their ſayd writing Indented, to certifie at the ſame place, before the ſame day of payment, ſuch reaſonable cauſes for their excuſes, why they may not make ſuch Certificate of and for the ſaid Subſidies, Fines, Amerciaments, and other forfeitures growing or ſet by reaſon of the cauſes of their lets, or of their not certifying, as is aforeſaid, or elſe in default thereof, proceſſe to be made out of the Kings Maieſties ſaid Exchequer, againſt the ſaid Commiſſioners, and of euery of them not making Certificate, as is aforeſayd, by the diſcretion of the Treaſurer and Barons of the ſayde Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie

aforesaid, that the Inhabitants of the Parish of S. Martine, called Stamford Baron, in the Suburbs of the Borough and Towne of Stamford, in the South part of the water there called Wellands, which hereafter shall bee contributory to the payment of these present Subsidies granted to the Kings Maiestie, his heires and Successors, shall be assessed, rated and taxed for the same, by such Commissioners as shall be appointed for the taxing, rating, and selling of the sayd Subsidies within the Countie of Lincolne; And shalbe for the same contributory, and pay the sayd Subsidies to the Collector or Collectors, which shall be assigned and appointed for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen & Burgesses of the sayd Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That all and euery person and persons hauing Manours, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, chargeable to the payment of the sayd Subsidies graunted to the Kings Maiestie by this Act, & also hauing spirituall possessions chargeable to his said Maiestie, by the Graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme in their Conuocation, and ouer this, hauing substance in goods and Chattels, chargeable by this said Act, that then if any of the said person or persons bee hereafter charged, assessed, and taxed for the sayd Manours, Lands, and Tenements, and Spirituall possessions, and also charged, assessed, and taxed for his and their goods and Chattels, that then he or they shal be only charged by vertue of this Act, for his and their said Manours, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayd goods and Chattels, the best thereof to be taken for the Kings Maiestie, and not to bee charged for both, or double charged for any of them; Any thing in this Act contained to contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Graunt of Subsidies, or any thing therein conteined, in any wise extend not to charge the Inhabitants dwelling in Scotland, Ireland, Jersey, and Garnesey, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or other possessions, goods, chattels, or other moueable substance, which the sayd Inhabitants or dwellers, or any others to their vse, haue within Scotland, Ireland, Jersey, and Garnesey, or in any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the said Inhabi-

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tants or dwellers haue of the kings Maiestie for their attendance and doing seruice to our Soueraigne Lord the kings Maiesty in Scotland, Ireland, Jersey, and Garneley, or in any of them. Any thing in this present Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this present Act of Subsidies, ne any thing therein contained, extend to charge the Maior, Bayliffes, and Burgesses of the Borough of Barwicke vpon Tweed, or any of the English Inhabitants, or resiants in the sayd Towne of Barwicke, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or other possessions, Goods, Chattels, or other mooueable Substance, which the said English Inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the sayd Towne of Barwicke, or of, for, or concerning any Fees or Wages which any of the English Inhabitants or dwellers, haue of the kings Maiestie for their attendance, or doing seruice to the kings Maiestie, for or within the sayd Towne of Barwicke, to, or for the sayd taxing, leuying, gathering, or payment, but that the English Inhabitants and resiants, and euery of them of the said Towne, shall bee, of, and from the sayd Subsidies, and euery parcell thereof, onely for their Manors, Lands, Tenements, Fees Wages, Goods and Chattels, lying and being in the saydé Towne, vtterly acquitted and discharged, Any thing in this present Acte before reharsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all Letters Patents granted by the kings Maiesty, or any of his most noble Progenitors, to any Cities, Boroughs, or Townes within this Realme, of any manner of Liberties, Priuiledges, or exemptions from the burthen and charge of any such grants of Subsidies, which be at this present time in force and auaileable, shall remaine good & effectuall to the sayd Cities, Boroughs and Townes hereafter, according to the purport thereof, although the Inhabitants of the same, and also the said Corporations, shall vpon the great and waighty considerations of their Grant aboue said, be for this Grant charged and contributory in like manner forme, and sort as other Cities, Boroughs, and Townes, which be not in any wise Priuiledged, but by this Act charged.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no Orphan or Infant, within the age of One

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and twentie yeeres, borne within any of the Kings Dominions, shall bee charged to any payment of these Subsidies, for his or her goods and chattels to him or her left or bequeathed, any thing in this Acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also that this Act, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extend to the goods or Lands of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the Vniuersities of Oxford & Cambridge, or any of them, or to the Goods or Lands of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bishop Wickham, or to the goods or Lands of the Colledge of Eaton next Windsor, or to the Lands, Tenements, or reuenewes onely assigned, or appointed for the sustentation, and liuing of the poore Knights founded in the Castell or Colledge of Windsor, by our late Soueraigne Lord, King Henry the Eight, or to any of the goods or Chattels of the same Knights, or any of them, or to the goods or lands of any common free Grammer Schoole, within the Realme of England or Wales, or to the goods of any Reader, Schoolemaster, or Scholler, or any Graduate, or Reliant, or remaining for studie, without fraud or couine within any of the said Vniuersities & Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, or Suburbes of the same, or to any of them, or to any their seruants dayly attending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Minister, Alms-men, or seruants belonging to any of the sayd Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostels, and dwelling and reliant within the said Vniuersities, or eyther of them, or within eyther of the sayd Townes of Oxford and Cambridge, and the Suburbes of the same without fraud or couin, or to the goods and lands of any Hospitall, Maisondieu, or Spittle house, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and relefe of poore people, any thing in this Act contayned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided also, & bee it further enacted, that the sayd Grant of Subsidies, or any thing therein contained, doe not in any wise extend or be preiudicial or hurtfull to any of the Inhabitants or reliants, hauing dwelt for the most part of the yeere next before the taxing and assessing of these Subsidies, as aforesayd, within the Fiue Ports corporate, or to any their members incorporated, or vnited to the same fiue Ports, or to any of the sayd Fiue Ports, but that such the Inhabitants or reliants, as aforesayd, in the sayd Fiue Ports corporate, and their members, bee and shall bee of and from the sayd Graunt

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and paiment of euery the said Subsidies, & euery part there-
of, and onely during such their reliance, as aforesaid, and no
longer, clearely discharged & acquited, any matter, or whatso-
euer thing in this present Acte had or made to the contrarie
notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the said grant of Subsidies, & Fifteenes
and Tenths, doe not in any wise extend, or be preiudiciall or
hurtfull to the English inhabitants or reliants at this pre-
sent time within the liberties of Rummey Marsh, of or for a-
ny part of the said sums granted in this present Parliament,
of the said English Inhabitants now there reliants, or any of
them to bee taxed, set, assed, leuyed or payd, but that the said
English inhabitants, and now reliants of Rumney Marsh, a-
foresaid, & euery of them be, and shall be, of, and from the said
Grant and paiment of the said Subsidies, and fifteenes, and
Tenths, during their reliance there, and no longer, acquitted
and discharged, Any matter, and whatsoeuer thing in this
present Act made to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, and be it enacted by the authoritie
aforesaid, That if any Alien or Stranger borne, Denizen or
not Denizen, & dwelling or inhabiting within this Realme
of England, shal assigne or conuey ouer vnto any his or their
childe or children, borne within this said Realme of England,
any his or their Lands, Tenements, Goods or Chattels, to
the intent thereby to defraud the Kings Maiestie of his said
Subsidies, of, or for the same, that then al & euery such childe
or children so being seised of any such Lands and tenements,
or possessed of any such goods or chattels, shalbe charged and
chargeable to, & with the payment of double the said Subsi-
dies for the same Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels, at
the said rates & values, as Aliens and Strangers, Denizens
or not Denizens, are before limited and appointed to pay.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all
the summes of money by this present Act giuen & graunted to
the vses aforesaid, shall be payd by the seuerall Collectors ther-
of, appointed by this Act to collect & receiue the same vnto the
said Treasurers, by this present Act nominated, & expressed,
as aforesaid: And that the acquittances of any foure or more
of the said Treasurers, vnder their hands & seales, testifying
the receipt of the moneys, or the inrolement thereof, to bee for
that purpose kept by his Maiesties Remembrancer of the said
Court of Exchequer, shalbe vnto the said Collectors & Collec-
tors, a full and sufficient discharge in that behalfe: which in-

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rolement shalbe so made vpon request, without Fee, and without delay. And to the end that all and euery the summes of money, by this present Act granted, as aforesaid, & also to bee collected & expended as aforesaid, may be truely expended for and towards the vses aforesaid, & not otherwise, according to your Maiesties own gracious desire: Be it further enacted, That the moneyes to be receiued by the sayd Treasurers, by vertue of this act, shalbe issued out, & expended for, or towards the vses aforesaid, to such person and persons and in such maner & forme, as by the warrant of George, Lord Carew, Foulke, Lord Brooke, Oliuer, Lord Viscount Grandison of Limbericke, within the Realme of Ireland, Arthur, Lord Chichester, Sir Edward Cecill, Knight, Sir Edward Conway knight, one of the principall Secretaries to his Maiestie, Sir Horace Vere, knight, Sir Robert Mansell, knight, Sir Iohn Ogle, knight, & Sir Thomas Button, knight, which ten persons before mentioned, his Maiestie hath already nominated, and hath made choyce of, to be of his Councell for the warre, or any fiue, or more of them (whereof two of thē to be of his Maiesties most Honourable Priuie Councell) vnder their hands & seales shall be directed, and not otherwise: And such warrant and warrants of the said Councellors of warre, or of any fiue of them, whereof two to be of the Priuy Councell, as aforesaid, together with the acquittances of those persons who shall receiue those moneys, according to those warrants, or the inrolement thereof, to be for that purpose likewise kept by his Maiesties Remembrancer of the said Court of Exchequer, shall bee vnto the sayd Treasurers, and euery of them, their Heires, Executors, and Administrators, a full and sufficient discharge.

And be it enacted, that the sayd Eight Treasurers shall and may out of their receipts, reteine and bee allowed the sum of foure hundred pounds, for or towards the paines and attendance of such seruants, as they must necessarily vse in & about this seruice, that is to say, the summe of Fiftie pounds for the seruant, or seruants of euery of those eight Treasurers. And be it further enacted, That aswel the said Treasurers, as the said persons appointed for the Councel of war, as aforesayd, & all other persons who shalbe trusted with the receiuing, issuing, bestowing, and imploying of these moneys, or any part thereof, their Heires, Executors, and Administrators shall be answerable, and accountable for their doings, & proceedings herein, to the Commons in Parliament, when they shall bee thereunto required, by warrant vnder the hand of the Speaker

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of the House of Commons for the time being, and there they, and euery of them, according to their seuerall places and imployments, shall giue a true and reall declaration, and accompt of their seuerall and respective dealings, doings, and proceedings therein: and that the said Commons in Parliament shall haue power by this Act, to heare and determine the said accompt, and all things thereto appertaining.

And be it further enacted, that for the better preparation of these things, for the examination of the House of Commons, and for the more frugall expending of the moneys giuen by this Acte, That the said Councell of Warre, or any fiue, or more of them, as aforesaid, or such person or persons as they, or any fiue or more of them, shall vnder their hands nominate, and appoint, shall by vertue of this Acte haue power, and by vertue of this Act, are required from time to time, to take accompt of all person and persons, of and for all such summes of money, as shall be issued to any person or persons to the vses aforesaid, and how they haue expended and bestowed the same: Prouided alwayes, that such accompt to bee taken by the said Councell of Warre, as aforesaid, shall not exclude the power of the House of Commons, to examine the said accompts, and determine the same as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That when the Comons in Parliament haue heard, examined & determined the dealings, doings and proceedings of any the persons aforesaid, according to the true intent & meaning of this Act, that then, & in euery such case, the offender or offenders, being no Lord or Lords of Parliament, shall by the house of Commons be committed to the Tower of London, there to remaine close prisoners, vntil by order of the House of Commons they be deliuered. And if any the Lords of Parliament shall be found offenders, then the Commons in Parliament shall present their offence to the the Lords in Parliament, and thereupon the Lords in Parliament shal haue power by vertue of this Act to heare, examine and determine the offence so presented, and to commit them likewise to the Tower of London, there to remaine close prisoners, vntill by order of that House they shall be deliuered.

And be it further enacted, that the offender and offenders in euery such case, shall vndergoe such further censure & punishment, as to Iustice shall appertaine, according to the qualitie of the offence, & according to the iudgement of either House respectiuely. And to the end, that, as well the said Councell of Warre as the said Treasurers may the better obserue & performe the trust aforesaid committed vnto them, Be it further

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enacted, that they shall severally & distinctly take these respective oaths following; that is to say, the said Treasurers shall take this oath following: You shall sweare, that you being appointed one of the Treasurers for the receiving of the three Subsidies, and three Fifteenes and Tenths, granted by the Temporaltie, shall not issue any part of those Moneys which shall be payed vnto your hands, or vnto the hands of any other by your appointment or consent, without the speciall Warrant of those persons, which are by his Majestie appointed to be of his Councell for the Warres, and in this Act nominated, or of fiue of them at the least, whereof two of them to be such as are of his Majesties Priuie Councell vnder their hands; In euery of such Warrant or Warrants there shall bee expressed, that those moneys for which such Warrant is giuen, are to be issued for some of those ends mentioned in this present Act: And the said Councel of Warre shal take this oath following; You shal sweare, that you being one of the Councel of Warre, chosen by his Majestie, and nominated in this Act, shall make no Warrant for any Moneys to be issued, which are giuen by this present Acte, but for some of those ends which are expressed in this Acte; And that all such Warrants as shall be made by you, shall mention in them, that those Moneys are to bee imployed according to the true meaning of this Act, and to the best of your meanes you shall imploy the same accordingly: Both the said oathes to bee taken before the Lord Keeper of the Great Seale, or Master of the Rolles for the time being, within one weeke after the end of this present Session of Parliament, and the taking of their oath to be entred of Record in Chancery.

And be it further enacted, that for all & euery the seuerall seruices, or purposes mentioned in this Act, to be performed in any part beyond the Seas, the charge thereof shall be defrayed from time to time out of the Treasure raised & giuen by this Act, & not otherwise, either for Armes, Coate, or conduct money, or otherwise; And that no part of this money shall be disposed of, but for the ends mentioned in this Act, and not for the satisfying of any arrearages due before the beginning of this Parliament. And because these moneys are giuen for the publike seruice of the whole kingdome, & not for any priuate end, That therfore there shal be no fees required by any person whatsoeuer, for the collecting, receiuing, issuing, expending or disposing of any part of these moneys, giuen or granted by this Act; but that the same shal be done freely without any fee, reward, allowance, or defalcation whatsoeuer, other then is particularly mentioned in this Act.

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An Acte for the Kings Majeſties moſt gracious, generall, and Free Pardon.



He Kings Maieſtie moſt graciouſly conſidering the good will, and faithfull hearts of his moſt louing and obedient Subiectes: And vnderſtanding that the ſame his louing Subiects haue many and ſundry wayes by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, fallen into the danger of diuers great penalties & forfeitures: And more particularly, that the perſons & fortunes of great numbers of his ſaid Subiects doe lye open vnto manifold inconueniences, as well by Seizures, Extents, and otherwiſe, for Debts, Accompts, Arrerages, and ſummes of money, of long time due to the Crowne, in the times of his moſt noble Progenitors & Predeceſſors: And for Fines vpon alienations without licence, concealed Wardſhips, Primier Seiſins Liueries, and Ouſter le mains: As alſo, by Suites of Quare impedit, vpon titles of lapſe accrued to the

Crowne: and by sundry other meanes, for which they haue beene vsually questioned in his Courts, both Ecclesiasticall and Temporall. Is, of his princely and mercifull disposition most graciously inclined to extend vnto them his liberal and free Pardon; and that in a more bountifull manner then hath beene accustomed, discharging thereby many things of speciall importance, which in times past haue beene reserued and excepted out of former Pardons, for the inriching of the Crowne; His Maiestie most assuredly trusting, that all his Subiects by this his clemencie, and indulgent grace and fauour, wil be the rather mooued and induced from henceforth, more carefully to obserue his Highnesse Lawes and Statutes, and to continue in their loyall and due obedience to his Maiestie.

And therefore his Maiestie is well pleased and contented, that it bee enacted by the Authoritie of this present Parliament, and be it enacted by the authoritie of the same, in maner and forme following: (that is to say) That all and euery the sayd Subiects, aswell Spirituall as Temporall of this his Highnesse Realme of Englaud, Wales, the Iles of Jerneley, Garneley, and the Towne of Barwicke, the Heyres, Successors, Executors and Administrators of them, and euery of them, and all and singular bodies, in any manner of wise corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, Hamlets, and Tythings, and euery of them, and the Successor and Successors of euery of them, shall be, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, acquitted, pardoned, released & discharged against the Kings Maiesty, his Heyres and Successors, and euery of them, of all maner of Treasons, Felonies, offences, contempts, trespasses, entries, wrongs, deceits, misdemeanours, forfeytures, penalties, and summes of money, paines of death, paines corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other things, causes, quarrels, Suites, Judgements, and executions in this present Act hereafter not excepted nor fore-prised, which may be, or can be by his Highnesse in any wise, or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the twentieth day of December last past, to euery or any of his said Subiects, Bodies corporate, Cities, Boroughs, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tithings, or any of them.

And also the Kings Maiestie is contented, that it bee enacted,

acted by Authoritie of this present Parliament: and be it enacted by the authority of the same, that this his said free Pardon shall bee as good and effectuall in the Law to every of his said Subiects, bodies corporate, and others before rehearsed, in, for, and against all things, which be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and foreprised, as the same Pardon should haue beene, if all offences, contempts, forfeitures, causes, matters, Suites, Quarrels, Iudgements, Executions, Penalties, and all other things, not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and foreprised, had beene particularly, singularly, especially, and plainely named, rehearsed, and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kinds, natures, and qualities, by words and termes thereunto requisite to haue beene put in, and expressed in this present Act of free Pardon: And that his sayde Subiects, nor any of them, nor the heires, Executors or Administrators of any of them, nor the said Bodies corporate, and others before named and rehearsed, nor any of them bee, nor shall bee sued, vexed, or vnquieted in their bodyes, Goods, Chattels, lands, or tenements, for any manner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfeyture, trespasse, offence, or any other thing suffered, done or committed before the said twentieth day of December last past, against his Highnesse, his Crowne, Dignitie, Prerogatiue, Lawes, or Statutes, but onely for such matters, causes, and offences as bee rehearsed, mentioned, or in some wise touched in the exceptions of this present Act to bee foreprised and excepted, and for none other. Any Statute or Statutes, Lawes, Customes or Vsages, heretofore had, made, or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And the Kings Highnesse, of his bounteous liberality, by the Authoritie of this present Parliament, granteth, and freely giueth to every of his Subiects, and to euery of the sayde Bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all goods, chattels, debts, fines, issues, profits, amerciaments, forfeitures, and summes of money by any of them forfeyted, which to his Highnesse doe, or shall belong or appertaine, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, entry, misdemeanour, matter, cause, or quarrell, suffered, done or committed by them, or any of them, before the sayd twentieth day of December last past, which be not hereafter in this present Acte foreprised and excepted.

And bee it enacted neuertheleſſe, that all grants thereof, or of any part thereof, made by any ſuch, as haue ſo forfeited the ſame, and are hereby reſtored, as aforeſaid, and all executions thereof, or of any part thereof, had againſt any ſuch after ſuch forfeiture thereof committed, or made, ſhall be of ſuch force and effect, as if no ſuch forfeiture thereof had beene had or made, and of no other, The ſame forfeiture or any thing before in this Act, to the contrary not withſtanding. And that all and euery the Kings ſaid Subiects, and all and ſinguler bodies corporate, and others before rehearſed, may by him or themſelues, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their Attourney or Attourneys, according to the Lawes of this Realme, plead and miniſter this preſent Acte of free Pardon for his or their diſcharge, or, and for any thing that is by vertue of this preſent Act pardoned, diſcharged, giuen or granted, without any fee or other thing, paying to any perſon or perſons, for writing, or entry of the Iudgements, or other cauſe, concerning ſuch Plea, writing or entry, but onely ſixteene pence, to be payd to the Officer or Clerke, that ſhall enter ſuch Plea, matter or Iudgement, for the parties diſcharge in that behalfe; Any Law, Statute, Vſage or Cuſtome to the contrary not withſtanding.

And furthermore, the Kings Maieſtie is contented and pleaſed, That it be enacted by the Authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that this his ſaid free Pardon, by the generall words, clauſes, and ſentences before rehearſed, ſhall be reputed, deemed, adiudged, erpounded, allowed and taken, in all maner of Courts of his Highneſſe, and elſewhere, moſt beneficiall and auaileable to all and ſinguler the ſayd Subiects, bodies corporate, and others before rehearſed, and to euery of them, in all things not in this preſent Acte excepted or forepriſed, without any ambiguitie, queſtion, or other delay, whatſoeuer it ſhall bee, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleaged by the King our Soueraigne Lord, his Heires or Succeſſours, or by his, or any of their generall Attourney, or Attourneyes, or by any perſon or perſons, for his Highneſſe, or any of his Heires or Succeſſours.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the King our Soueraigne Lord, and by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, That if any Officer or Clerke of any of his Highneſſe Courts, commonly called the Chancery, Kings Bench, and Common Pleas, or of his Exchequer, or any other Officer,

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or Clerke of any other of his Highnesse Courts within this Realme, at any time after the last day of this present Session of Parliament, make out, or write out any manner of Writs, Processe, Summons, or other Precepts, whereby any of the said Subiects, or any of the said bodies corporate, or others before rehearsed, or any of them, shall be in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greeued in his or their bodies, Lands, Tenements, goods or chattels, or in any of them, for, or because of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free Pardon: or if any Shiriffe or Escheator, or any of their Deputie or Deputies, or any Bayliffe or other Officer whatsoeuer, by colour of his, or their Office, or otherwise, after the said last day of this present Session of Parliament, doe leuie, receiue, take or withhold, of, or from any person or persons, any thing pardoned or discharged by this Acte, that then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawfully conuicted, or condemned by any sufficient testimony, witnesse or proofe, shall yeeld and pay for recompence thereof, to the partie so grieued or offended thereby, his, or their treble damages, besides all costs of the Suit, and shall also forfeit and lose to the Kings Maiestie, for euery such default, tenne Pounds. And neuertheless, all and singuler such Writs, Processe, and Precepts so to be made, for, or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Act of free Pardon, shall be vtterly voyd and of none effect.

Excepted, and alwayes foreprised out of this generall and free Pardon, all, and all maner of high Treasons, and other offences committed or done by any persons, against the Kings most Royall person, or the person of the Princes Highnesse, and all conspiracies and confederacies traiterously had, committed or done by any person or persons, against the Kings Maiesties Royall person, or the person of the Princes Highnesse, and all, and all manner of leuying of Warre, and all Rebellions, and Insurrections whatsoeuer.

And also excepted all and euery maner of Treasons, committed or done by any person or persons in the parts beyond the Seas, or in any other place out of the Kings Dominions: and also all Suits, punishments, executions, paines of death, forfeitures, and Penalties, for, or by reason of occasion of any the Treasons and offences before excepted.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of forg-

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ing and falſe counterfeiting the Kings Maieſties Great or Priuy Seale, ſigne Manuel, or priuy Signet, or of any the moneys currant within this Realme: And alſo all offences of vnlawfull diminiſhing of any the ſaid moneys, by any way or meanes whatſoeuer, contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme: and alſo all miſpriſions and concealements of high Treaſon: And all abetting, aiding, comforting or procuring of the ſame offences, or any of the ſaid treaſons.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all maner of voluntary Murders, petit Treaſons, and wilfull Poyſonings, done or committed by any perſon or perſons, and all and euery the acceſſaries to the ſame offences, or any of them, before the ſaid offences committed.

And alſo excepted and forexpriſed out of this generall Pardon, all and euery offences of Pyracie, and robbery, done vpon the Seas, and all and euery procuring or abetting of any ſuch offenders, and the comforting and receiuing of them or any of them, or of any goods taken by way of Pyracie or Robberie vpon the Seas, as aforeſaid.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all Burglaries, committed or done in any dwelling houſe or houſes, & all acceſſaries to any the ſayd Burglaries, before the ſame Burglary committed.

And alſo excepted all robberies done vpon, or to any mans or womans perſon in the high way, or elſe where: And all and ſinguler acceſſaries of, or to any ſuch robberies before the ſaid robberie committed.

And alſo excepted the felonious ſtealing of any Horſe, Gelding, or Mare, and all acceſſaries thereunto, before the ſame felonie committed, and all iudgements and executions, of and for the ſame.

And alſo excepted all wilful burnings of any dwelling houſe or houſes, or of any barne or barnes, wherein any corne was.

And alſo excepted the deteſtable & abominable vice of Buggery committed with mankind or beaſt.

And alſo excepted all Rapes, and carnall rauiſhments of women.

And alſo excepted all rauiſhments and wilfull taking away, or marrying of any Mayd, Widow, or Damoſell, againſt her will, or without the aſſent or agreement of her parents, or of ſuch as then had her in cuſtody: And alſo all offences of ayding, comforting, procuring, or abetting of any ſuch rauiſh-

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ment, wilfull taking, or marrying, had, committed, or done.

And all offences made felonie, by a certaine Act lately made and ordeined, Intituled, An Act to restraine all persons from marriage, vntill their former wiues, and former husbands be dead.

And also excepted all wilfull escapes of any Traytors.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all persons now attainted or outlawed, of, or for any Treason, petit Treason, Murder, wilfull Poysoning, Burglary, or Robbery, and all Executions of and for the same.

And also excepted all offences of Inuocations, Coniurations, Witchcrafts, Sorceries, Inchantments, and Charmes, and all offences of procuring, abetting, or comforting of the same, and all persons now attainted or conuicted of any the sayd offences.

And also excepted all and euery person and persons, which being outlawed, of, or for any Felonie or Felonies, and their outlawries, the twentieth day of December last, standing in force, sithence their said outlawries, haue eftsoones committed any other Felonie.

And also excepted all and euery manner of taking from the Kings Maiesty that now is, of any goods or Chattels, or the Issues, Rents, Reuenues, or profits of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which were of any Traytor, Murderer, Felon, Clerke or Clerkes attainted, or Fugitiues, or any of them.

And also excepted all goods and chattels, in any wise forfeited sithence the beginning of the Kings Maiesties reigne, by reason of any Treason, petit Treason, Murder, or Felonie heeretofore committed or done.

And also excepted all offences, of, or in making, writing, printing, or publishing, or in consenting vnto the making, writing, printing, or publishing of any false, seditious, or scandalous Booke or Bookes, Libell or Libels, in any wise against the Kings Maiestie, or the present gouernment of this Realme, in causes either Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, or against any person, or persons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all Intrusions and spoyle of woods, had, made, or done sithence the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne, by any person or persons, in or vpon any of the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments of our said Soueraigne Lord the King, and all wastes done,

done, committed, or ſuffered vpon any ſuch Lands, Tene-ments, or Hereditaments, and the wrongfull taking of any the Rents, Iſſues and Profits of the ſame Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of our ſaid Soueraigne Lord the King, ſince the beginning of his Maieſties Reigne, and alſo all Suites, Accompts and Impetitions, of, and for the ſame.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all Alienations, ſince the firſt of October laſt paſt, made of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments without licenſe, and all fines, iſſues, and profits, that may, or ought to grow, or come to the Kings Maieſtie, by reaſon of any ſuch Alienation without licence.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all waſts committed or done in any of the Kings Wards Lands, or in the Wardes Lands of any the Kings Committees: And alſo all and euery Fine and Fines for the ſingle and double value of the mar-riage or marriages of all and euery Ward or Wards, at any time before the fiue and twentieth day of March, in the ſix-teenth yeere of his Maieſties Reigne of England, growen to the Kings Maieſtie, or any his noble Predeceſſors: For which Wardſhip any office or inquiſition was found before the ſixt day of October laſt paſt, and all Fines for the ſingle and double value of the mariage, or mariages of all and eue-ry Ward or Wards, growen to the Kings Maieſtie, ſince the ſaid fiue and twentieth day of March, in the ſayd ſixteenth yeere of his Maieſties reigne.

And alſo excepted all Wards, and the Lands of ſuch Wards as haue growen to the Kings Maieſtie, or any his noble Pre-deceſſors, at any time before the ſaid fiue and twentieth day of March, in the ſaid ſixteenth yeere of his Maieſties reigne, for which any Office or Inquiſition, was found before the ſixth day of October laſt paſt: and all other Wardes conceal-ed or not concealed, growen to his Maieſtie, ſince the ſayde fiue and twentieth day of March, in the ſixteenth yere afore-ſaid, and all Liueries and Primier Seiſons, and Ouſter le maines, that ought to be had, done, or ſued for, or in reſpect of any the Ward, or Wards lands, before excepted.

And alſo excepted out of this generall Pardon, all rauiſh-ments, and wrongfull taking or withholding of any of the Kings Wards, or Wards lands, before excepted, or the rents, and profits of the ſame, and all miſdemeanours and offences concerning the ſame, and euery thing that by reaſon of any

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ward or Wards lands, before excepted, or for default of suing or prosecuting of any Liuery of the same, ought to come, or be to the kings Maiesty, and which as yet is not discharged. And also excepted all Fines that should or ought to grow to the kings Maiesty that now is, of any of his widowes that haue married without licence, since the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, That the kings Maiestie, his Heires and Successors, shall haue and enioy the full and whole Interest, Benefit, Profit, and aduantage of all Wardships before excepted, and of all Liueries, Primier seisons, and Ouster le maines of all mannors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoeuer, and all meane Issues, Rates, and Profits, for not prosecuting, or not suing of any Liuery, or Ouster le maine, as if this Act had neuer been had or made, except such Liueries, Primier seisons, and Ouster le maines, which should haue been sued or answered before the said fiue and twentieth day of March, in the sixteenth yeere aforesaid, and haue not beene sued nor answered, nor any tender, or continuance made of, or for the same, nor any Office before the first day of October last, found concerning the same; And except all such Liueries, and Ouster le maines as haue been alreadie sued out, but by reason of any erroneous, or vndue proceedings are void or defective; All which Liueries, Primier Seisons, and Ouster le maines last mentioned to be excepted, shall be by this present Acte fully pardoned and discharged.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted, That all and euery person and persons, which haue tendered, or ought to sue his, her, or their, or any of their Liueries, or Ouster le maines, except as before excepted, of, or for any Wards, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his, her, or their Liuery of Liueries and Ouster le maine, out of our said Soueraigne Lord the kings hands, and shall answere and pay their Fines, Issues, and meane profits for his or their Mannors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in like manner and forme to euery respect, as they, and euery of them, should or ought to haue done, if this Act had neuer been had ne made, notwithstanding the not finding of any Office or Offices, or any other matter whatsoeuer: Any Article, thing, or things in this present Acte of generall Pardon compriled and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also excepted and foreprised out of this Pardon, all such persons as the last day of this present Session of Parliament, be, or at any time since the beginning of the same Session, haue beene in prison within the Tower of London, or in the prison of the Marshalsey, or in the prison of the Fleete, or in the prison of the Gatehouse, or otherwise restrained of libertie by expresse commandement, or direction of any his Maiesties priuie Councell.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery such person and persons, which at any time sithence the beginning of the Kings Maiesties reigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Kings Dominions, for any offence of high Treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason.

And also excepted all such persons, as be gone or fled out of this Realme, for any cause contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, without the kings Maiesties licence.

And also excepted all such persons, as haue obtained and had licence to depart this Realme for a certaine time, and now doe abide out of the Realme without any lawfull excuse, after the time of their licence expired.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery Concealements, and wrongfull deteinments of any Custome or Subsidie due to the kings Maiesty that now is, and all corruptions, and misdemeanors of any Officer or Minister, of, or concerning Custome or Subsidie, and all Accompts, Impetitions, and Suits, to be had, made, or done for the same.

And also excepted all and singuler Accompts of all and euery Collector and Collectors of any Subsidie, Fifteene, Custome, or other thing, growen due, or happening since the beginning of his Maiesties reigne, and all Accompts of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptant to the kings Highnesse, for, or in respect of any receipt, or other Charge, which hath growen sithence the fiue and twentieth day of March, in the first yeere of his Maiesties reigne of England, and the heires, executors, and administrators of euery such person, that ought to Accompt for all things touching onely the same Accompts: And all and singuler Arrerages of Accompts, and untrue Accompts, made or rendred since the said fiue and twentieth day of March, in the first yeere aforesaid, and all Impetitions, Charges of Seisures, Suits, Demands, and Executions which may, or can be had, of, or for any such Accompt or Accompts, or any Arrerages of the same.

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And alſo excepted and forepriſed out of this Pardon, all and all manner of deceits and offences, of all and ſingular Moneyers and other Officers, Hunters, and Workemen, of, or in any the Kings Maieſties Mints within this Realme, or any other his Dominions, and all Impetitions and puniſhments for the ſame.

And alſo excepted all Titles and Actions of Quare impedit, other then ſuch Titles and Actions of Quare impedit, as his Maieſty hath or may haue by reaſon of Lapſe, incurred aboue three yeeres paſt, for, or concerning any Benefice or Eccleſiaſtical Liuing, whereof any Incumbent is, or the laſt day of this Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be in Actuall poſſeſſion, by preſentation of any Patron, or collation of any Ordinary.

And alſo except all Homages, and alſo except all Reliefe and Reliefes, Heriots, Rent-Seruices, Rents-Charges, Rents-Seckes, and the Arrerages of the ſame, growne due ſince the beginning of his Maieſties Reigne, and not done or paid to the Kings Highneſſe.

And alſo excepted all Conditions and Couenants, and all Penalties, Titles and Forfeitures of Condition or Conditions, Couenant or Couenants accrued, or growne to the Kings Maieſtie, by reaſon of the breach, and not performing of any Couenant or Condition whatſoeuer.

And alſo excepted all ſummes of Money graunted to the Kings Maieſtie that now is, by way or name of Subſidie, Fifteenth, Tenth, or otherwiſe, and all Concealements, Frauds and offences, by which his Maieſtie hath beene deceiued, and not truely anſwered of, or for the ſame.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all Debts which were, or be due to our Soueraigne Lord the King, or to the moſt Noble Kings of famous memory, King Henry the ſeuenth, King Henry the eight, King Edward the ſixt, Queene Mary, or the late Queene Elizabeth, or to any perſon or perſons, for, or to any of their vſes, by any Condemnation, Recognizance, Obligation or otherwiſe, whereupon any Eſtallment or Seiſure hath beene at any time heretofore made, vpon which Eſtallment or Seiſure, any thing is, or at any time ſince the beginning of his Maieſties Reigne, hath beene anſwered or paid to his Maieſties vſe, (other then ſuch Debts as are due vpon any Obligation or Recognizance, forfeited before the ſaid twentieth day of December for non-apparance in any Court or other place whatſoeuer, or for not keeping the

Peace, or not being of good behauiour) which Debts growne or accrued vpon these causes, by this free Pardon, be, or shall be clearely pardoned and discharged.

And also except all Debts sithence the fiue and twentieth day of March, in the first yeere of his Maiesties Reigne, growne due to his Maiestie, by any Condemnation, Recognizance, Obligation or otherwise, (other then such Debts, as are due vpon any Obligation or Recognizance, forfeited before the said twentieth day of December, for non-appearance in any Court or other place whatsoeuer, or for not keeping the Peace, or not being of good behauiour) which Debts growne or accrued vpon these causes, by this free Pardon, be, and shal be clearely pardoned and discharged.

And also except and forexpriſed out of his Pardon, all and singuler Penalties, Forfeitures and summes of Money, being due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lord the King, by reason of any Act, Statute or Statutes: which Forfeitures, Penalties, and summes of Money, sithence the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne, be conuerted into the nature of Debt, by any Iudgement, Order, or Decree, or by the agreement of the Offender or Offenders: And all and singuler penalties, forfeitures, and summes of Money, being due, or accrued to our Soueraigne Lord the King, by reason of any Acte, Statute or Statutes, which forfeitures, penalties, and summes of Money, being before the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne, by any the meanes aforesaid, conuerted into the nature of Debt, haue beene estalled, or any Seisure made for the same, and vpon such Seizure or estalment, any thing answered or payd to his Maiesties vse, sithence the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne.

And also excepted all forfeitures of all Leases, Estates, or interests of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, holden of our Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maiesty, by knights seruice, or in Soccage, in Capite, or otherwise by knights seruice, made in one, or seuerall assurances, or Leases for any terme or termes of yeeres, whereupon the old and accustomed Rent or more is not reserued.

And also excepted all first Fruits and Tenths, growne due since the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne, and at this present being due to be paid to his Maiestie, by force of any Acte or Statute, or otherwise.

And also excepted all Penalties and Forfeitures, whereof

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there is any verdict, since the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne in any Suite given or past for the Kings Maiestie.

And also excepted all forfeitures and other Penalties and profits now due, accrued and growen or which shall or may be due, accrue or growe to the Kings Maiestie by reason of any offence, misdemeanour or contempt, or other Acte or deede had, suffered, committed or done contrary to any Acte, Statute or Statutes, or contrary to the Common Lawes of this Realme, and whereof or for the which any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information at any time within eight yeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, hath beene or shall bee exhibited, commenced or sued in the Courts of Starre Chamber or Exchequer Chamber, or in any the Kings Maiesties Courts at Westminster, and now is, or the said last day of this Session of Parliament, shall be there depending and remaining to be prosecuted.

And also excepted out of this generall and free Pardon, all Offences, Contempts, Disorders, Coyns, Frauds, Deceits, and misdemeanours whatsoever, heretofore committed or done by any person or persons, and whereof or for the which any Suite by Bill, Plaint, or Information at any time within foure yeeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, is or shall be commenced or exhibited in the Court of Starre Chamber at Westminster, and shalbe there the same last day of this Session of Parliament depending, or whereupon any sentence or decree is given or entred.

And also excepted all Offences and misdemeanours, whereof any sentence or Judgment hath beene heretofore, or before the end of this Session of Parliament, shall be given in the high Court of Parliament, and also the sentences and Judgments so given, and the execution of the same, and all fines, Imprisonments, Penalties, Forfeitures and punishments of, or for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of Periuries, and the subornation of witnesses and offences of forging and counterfeiting of any false Deede, Escripes or Writings, or of any examinations or testimonies of any witnes or witnesses, tending to bring any person or persons into danger of his life, and the giuing of the same in Euidence, and the counselling or procuring of any such counterfeiting or forging to bee had or made; And all false and malicious conspiracies,

sacies, to bring any person or persons into danger of his life.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence or offences, touching or concerning the carying, sending, or conueying ouer the seas, or out of this Realme, of any Gold, Siluer, Jewels, or any coyne of golde or siluer, contrary to the Lawes or Statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were by the Kings licence.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all offences of Heresie, Sedition, Incest, Adultery, Fornication, and Simonie, and all such Vsury, for which any Interest hath beene receiued or taken, since the said twentieth day of December, and all misdemeanours and disturbances, committed or made in any Church or Chappell in the time of Common prayer, Preaching, or Diuine seruice there vsed, to the disturbance there; and all Outlawries and prosecutions vpon the same.

And also except all offences of drawing of weapons, vnlawfull striking, or giuing of blowes, and all other force or violence committed or done in any Termes time, in the view of any the Kings Courts, iudicially sitting at or in Westminster Hall, for the which any person or persons now stand indicted, conuicted, or attainted in any of his Maiesties sayde Courts.

And also excepted all offences, whereby any person may be charged with the penaltie and danger of Præmunire, and of the which offence or offences, any person standeth already indicted, or otherwise lawfully condemned or conuicted.

And also excepted all Dilapidations, for which any suit is, or before the end of this Session of Parliament, shall bee depending.

And also excepted all offences whatsoeuer in shipping, or willingly assenting, or causing to bee shipped, to be transported into any the parts beyond the seas, out of the obedience of his Maiestie, any Gunnes, Ordinance, Shot, or Gun-mettall, contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, without licence of his Maiestie in that behalfe, first had and obtained: And also all such as couenously, or by consent, or for the reliefe of any such as haue offended in, or against any popular or penall Statute, haue for the same offence or offences, exhibited any Action, Bill, Plaint, Information, or Suite against any such offendor or offendors.

And also excepted all offences in taking away, imbezelling, or purloyning any the Kings Maiesties goods, money, chattels,

tels, iewels, armour, munition, ordinance, or other habilliments of warre.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all maner of extortions and briberies whatsoeuer, and also excepted all couens, fraudes, deceipts, and other disorders and misdemeanours whatsoeuer heretofore committed or done by any Steward of his Maiesties Manours or Courts, Undersheriffe, or by any officer or minister in any of his Highnesse Courts, in, or by reason or colour of any of their offices, or places, or any their Deputies or Clerkes: And all offences of ayding, comforting, assisting, or procuring of any Undersheriffe, or any such Officer, Minister, or Clerke, in contriuing, doing, or executing any such extortion, exaction, couen, fraud, deceipt, disorder, or misdemeanor.

And also excepted all hunting, killing, or stealing of Deere in any of his Maiesties Forests, Parkes, or Chases, and other disorders and misdemeanors done or committed in the same.

And also excepted all offences and contempts, disorders, and misdemeanors, committed or done by any person or persons, contrary to the Lawes of the Forests within the circuit or precinct of his Maiesties Forests of Windsor and Waltham, or of either of them, and all penalties of the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all Issues, Fines, and Amerciaments, lost, imposed, or assessed, sinte the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne, being cotted, leuied, or receiued by any Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, Bailiffe, Minister, or other Officer, to, or for the kings Maiesties vse or behoofe, before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, and all Issues, Fines and Amerciaments since the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne, afferred, taxed, set, estreated, or entred seuerally or particularly, touching or concerning any one person, or moe persons, iointly or seuerally aboue the sum of sixe pounds.

And also excepted all Issues, Fines, and Amerciaments returned, afferred, taxed, set, or entred seuerally or particularly in any Court of Record at Westminster, at any time sithence the first day of October last past.

And yet neuertheless, all other Fines, as well Fines pro licentia concordandi, as other, set, taxed, estreated, or entred before the said first day of October last past, and also all Issues and Amerciaments, as well real as others, within any Liberties

berties or without, being set, taxed, estreated, or entred be-
fore the said first day of October, & which seuerally or particu-
larly extend to, or vnder the summe of fiue pounds, and not
aboue, whether they bee estreated or not estreated, or whether
they be turned into Debt, or not turned into Debt, and not
being leuied, leuied or receiued by any Shiriffe, or Vndershi-
riffe, Minister, or other Officer to, or for the Kings Maiesties
vse or behoofe, before the last day of this present Session
of Parliament, shall bee freely, clearely, and plainely par-
doned, and discharged against the Kings Maiestie, his
Heires and Successours for euer, by force of this present
Act of free Pardon.

And yet neuertheless, all Estreates of such Fines, Issues
and Amerciaments, as bee now pardoned by this Act, and
which be already estreated forth of the Court of Exchequer,
and be remaining in the hands of the Sheriffe, Undersheriffe,
or Bayliffe, for collecting of the same Fines, Issues, and A-
merciaments, shall vpon the returne of the same estreates,
be orderly charged, and deliuered by Seruwes into the Of-
fice of the Pipe, in the Court of Exchequer, as heeretofore
hath beene accustomed, to the intent that thereupon, order
may be taken, that his Maiestie may bee truely answered of
all such Fines, Issues, and Amerciaments, not by this Act
pardoned, and which any Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, Bayliffe,
or other Officer or Minister hath receiued, or ought to an-
swere by force or colour of any such Estreate, Processe, or
Precept, to him or them made, for the leuying thereof: And
yet that notwithstanding, all and euery Shiriffe and Shi-
riffes, and other accomptant, vpon his or their Petition or
Petitions to be made for the allowance of any such Fines,
Issues and Amerciaments, as by this Act is pardoned, shall
haue all and euery such his and their petition allowed in his
and their account and accounts, without paying any fee or re-
ward to any Officer, Clerke, or other Minister, for the ma-
king, entring, or allowing of any such petition or petitions;
Any vsage or custome to the contrary thereof notwith-
standing.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all such persons
which haue committed or done any offence or offences, con-
trary to the tenour or effect of the Statute, made in the
seuen and twentieth yeere of the reigne of the late Queene
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nary Actes, and other such disobedient persons, or of any part thereof: and all Outlawries, proceedings, iudgements, and executions vpon the same offences, or any of them.

And also excepted all persons which haue committed or done any offence contrary to the Statute made in the three and twentieth yeere of the Reigne of the said late Queene ELIZABETH, Intituled, An Act to retaine the Queenes Maiesties Subiects in their due obedience, or any part thereof: and all Outlawries, Proceedings, and Iudgements and Executions vpon the same Offences, or any of them, for such or so long time, as they shall continue disobedient or wilfully obstinate in any of the same offences.

And yet neuertheless, whensoeuer the same persons, or any of them, shall willingly submit themselues in their due obedience to his Maiesty, and will come to the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and willingly refuse the said wilfull obstinacy, and conforme themselues in the said causes of Religion and Doctrine, and continue in such their conformitie, and due obedience to his Maiestie, according as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme they ought to doe: that then and from thencefoorth all and euery such person and persons, so submitting and yeelding themselues in their due obedience toward his Maiestie, and so continuing in the same, shall forthwith be receiued and enabled by force of this Acte to haue and enioy the full benefit of this generall Pardon, as largely and fully in all respects, as any other of his Maiesties good Subiects haue or ought to enioy, by vertue of this Acte of generall Pardon.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all such persons as bee, and remaine still attainted or condemned, and not already pardoned, of or for any rebellion, or leuying of warre, or of, or for any conspiracy of any rebellion or leuying of warre within this Realme, or in any other the Kings Dominions.

And also excepted all false forging, and counterfeiting of any Commission or Commissions, to enquire of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and also all false forging and counterfeiting of any vntrue Certificate, or returne of any Commission or Commissions, obtained or gotten foorth of any Court or Courts, to enquire of any Lands, Tenements, or other things whatsoeuer; And all maner falsifying of any particular, or of any Bill or Bils signed by his Maiestie,

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berties or without, being set taxed, estreated, or entred before the said first day of October, & which seuerally or particularly extend to, or vnder the summe of fiue pounds, and not aboue, whether they bee estreated or not estreated, or whether they bee turned into Debt, or not turned into Debt, and not being forced, leuied or received by any Shirriffe, or Vndershirriffe, Bayliffe, Minister, or other Officer to, or for the Kings Maiesties vse or behoofe, before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, shall bee freely, clearely, and plainely pardoned, and discharged against the Kings Maiestie, his Heires and Successours for euer, by force of this present Act of free Pardon.

And yet neuertheless, all Estreates of such Fines, Issues and Amerciaments, as bee now pardoned by this Act, and which be already estreated forth of the Court of Exchequer, and be remaining in the hands of the Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, or Bayliffe, for collecting of the same Fines, Issues, and Amerciaments, shall vpon the returne of the same estreates, be orderly charged, and deliuered by Scrowes into the Office of the Pipe, in the Court of Exchequer, as heeretofore hath beene accustomed, to the intent that thereupon, order may be taken, that his Maiestie may bee truely answered of all such Fines, Issues, and Amerciaments, not by this Act pardoned, and which any Sheriffe, Undersheriffe, Bayliffe, or other Officer or Minister hath receiued, or ought to answere by force or colour of any such Estreate, Processe, or Precept, to him or them made, for the leuying thereof: And yet that notwithstanding, all and euery Shirriffe and Shirriffes, and other accomptant, vpon his or their Petition or Petitions to be made for the allowance of any such Fines, Issues and Amerciaments, as by this Act is pardoned, shall haue all and euery such his and their petition allowed in his and their account and accounts, without paying any fee or reward to any Officer, Clerke, or other Minister, for the making, entring, or allowing of any such petition or petitions; Any vsage or custome to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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And also excepted out of this Pardon, all such persons as bee, and remaine still attainted or condemned, and not already pardoned, of or for any rebellion, or leuying of warre, or of, or for any conspiracy of any rebellion or leuying of warre within this Realme, or in any other the Kings Dominions.

And also excepted all false forging, and counterfeiting of any Commission or Commissions, to enquire of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and also all false forging and counterfeiting of any vntrue Certificate, or returne of any Commission or Commissions, obtained or gotten foorth of any Court or Courts, to enquire of any Lands, Tenements, or other things whatsoeuer; And all maner falsifying of any particular, or of any Bill or Bils signed by his Maiestie,

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after the engrolling thereof, and before the passing the same vnto the great Seale.

And also except out of this Pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons in new Building, diuiding of Tenements, taking of Inmates, new Inclosures, and other Nusances in any place within the City of London, and Suburbs of the same, or within three miles of the sayd City, contrary to the Law, or any his Maiesties Proclamations in that behalfe made.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawfull to, and for all and euery Clerke, and other Officers of the Kings Courts, to award and make Writs of Capias Vtlagatum at the Suit of the partie plaintiffe against such persons outlawed, as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to Compell the Defendant and Defendants to make answere to the plantiffe or plantiffes, at whose Suit, hee, or they were outlawed, and that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a Writ of Scire facias, against the partie or parties, at whose Suit, he, or they were so outlawed, before this Pardon in that behalfe shall bee allowed to him or them that is so outlawed.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that this Acte of generall Pardon, shall not in any wise extend to any person outlawed, vpon any Writ of Capias ad satisfaciendum, vntill such time as the party so outlawed shall satisfie, or otherwise agree with the party, at whose Suite the same person was so outlawed or condemned.

Prouided likewise, and be it enacted, that neither this Act of generall Pardon, nor any thing therein contained, shall in any wise extend to any person, that is, or shall be put to execution, at any time before ten dayes after the end of this Session of Parliament: Or to pardon and discharge any offence, or misdemeanour committed or done by any Purueyour, or other Taker whatsoeuer, in taking or purueying of any prouision whatsoeuer for the Kings Maiesties houshold, or otherwise to the Kings Maiesties behoofe, or by pretence or colour thereof, contrary vnto, or against any the Lawes or Statutes in that behalfe made, and ordained.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that neither this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to pardon or discarge any offence committed or done

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by any Commissioner, Captaine, or other person whatsoeuer, in the corrupt taking or hauing of any Money or other gift or reward, for the changing, releasing or discharging of any Souldier, prest or appointed to serue his Maiestie, in defence of the Realme, or otherwise.

And also excepted out of this generall Pardon, Giles Mompesson late Knight.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend, or bee construed to pardon, or discharge any Debt, Accompt, Fine, Amerciament, Arrerage, or other Duety, for which any Seisure or Estalment hath been made, vpon such Seisure or Estalment, any thing answered to his Maiestie, sithence the beginning of his Maiesties Reigne; nor to pardon or discharge any Recognizance, Obligation or Bond, which is not yet forfeited.

And be it further enacted, That this present Pardon shall bee of as good force and effect, to pardon and discharge all and singuler the premisses aboue mentioned, and intended to be pardoned and discharged, aswell against such person or persons, Bodies politique and corporate, as doe, or shall claime the same, by or vnder any Letters Patents, Lease or Grant made by the Kings Maiestie, or any his Predecessors, as against the Kings Maiestie himselfe.

God saue the King.

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